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第11話
THIS SHALL BE IT...

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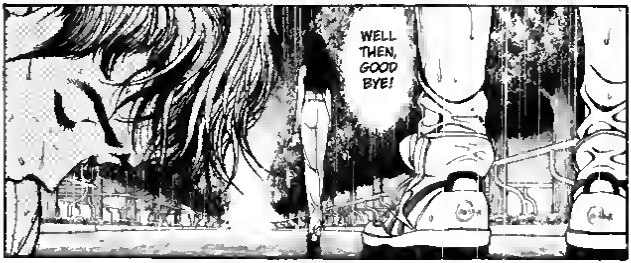
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE ABOUT ME KISSING YOU OR THE MOTEL, RIGHT?

THAT KISS, AND OTHER THINGS THAT CAME SO SUDDENLY, IT WAS SO STRANGE!
HAHAHAHA ... OF COURSE MIEKO HAS A BOYFRIEND!
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT ME, I DON'T CARE, REALLY!

I BEG YOU, PLEASE FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING WE DID TOGETHER...


WELL THEN, GOOD BYE!

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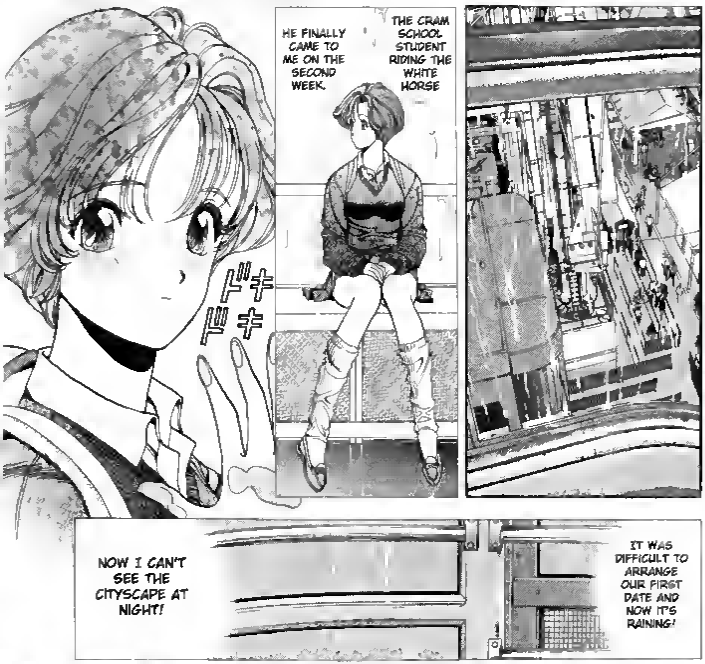
HE FINALLY CAME TO ME ON THE SECOND WEEK.
THE CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT RIDING THE WHITE HORSE
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NOW I CAN'T SEE THE CITYSCAPE AT NIGHT!
IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE OUR FIRST DATE AND NOW IT'S RAINING!

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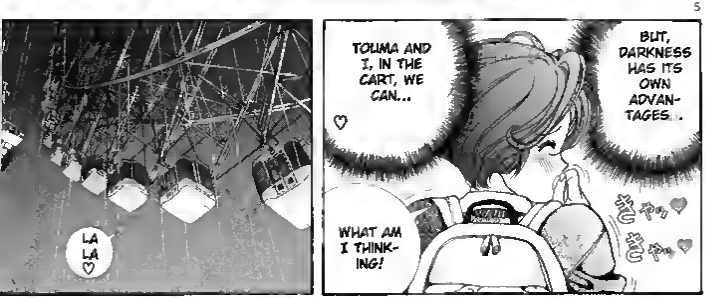
LA LA ♡
TOUMA AND I, IN THE CART, WE CAN... ♡
WHAT AM I THINK-ING!
BUT, DARKNESS HAS ITS OWN ADVAN-TAGES...
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AND HE CAME TO ME!
THIS CAN BE OUR FIRST TIME..

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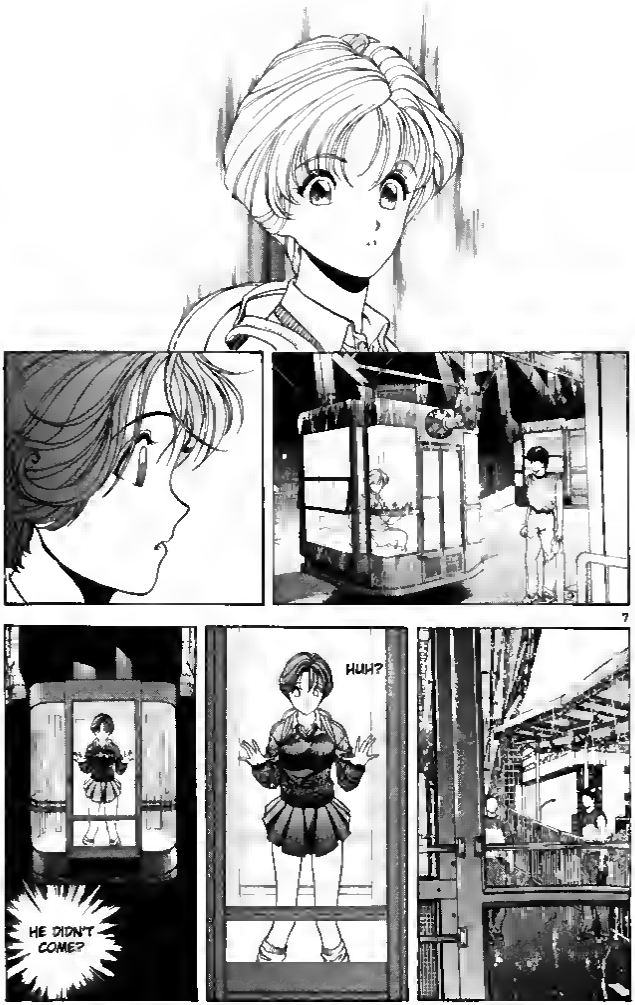
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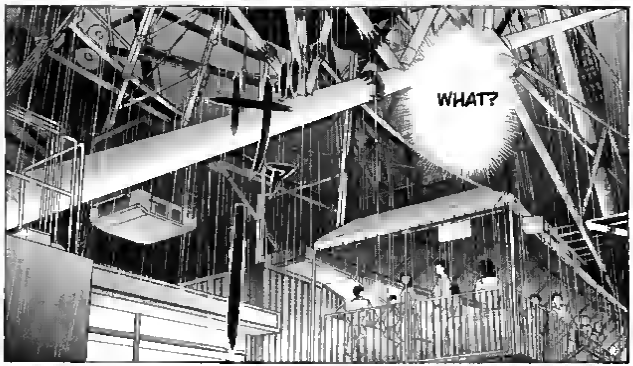
HUH?
HE DIDN'T COME?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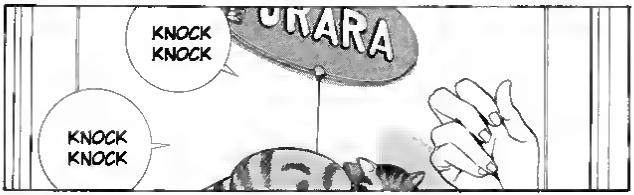
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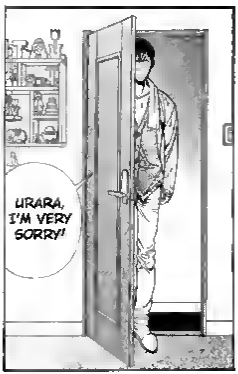
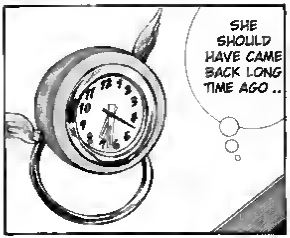
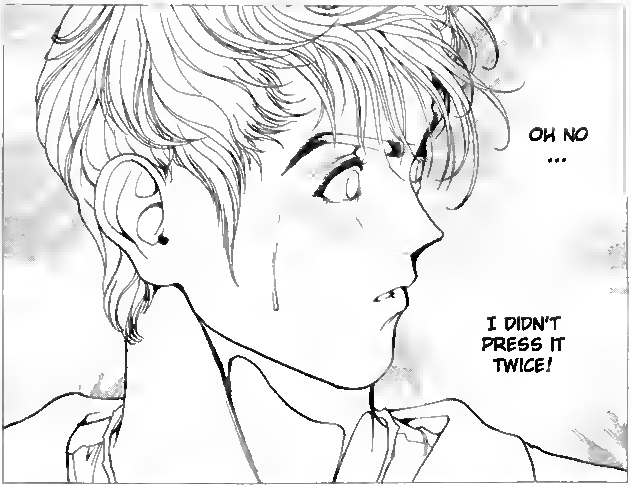
YOU MUST WANT ME TO REARRANGE THE DATE!


UHARA, I'M VERY SORRY!


SHE SHOULD HAVE CAME BACK LONG TIME AGO ..

HUH? SHE'S NOT HERE? I ALREADY CALLED HER TO TELL HER THAT THE DATE WAS CANCELLED!

AND THEN DIAL # ONCE
WAIT! AT THAT TIME ..
"CANCEL DATE" DIAL "1" AND "3" ...
UH ...


OH NO ...
I DIDN'T PRESS IT TWICE!

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THAT MEANS URARA MUST STILL BE AT .

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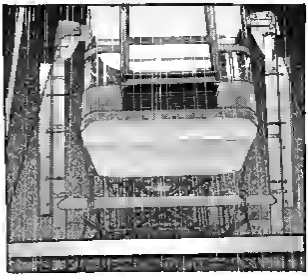

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT I MAY HAVE MISSED HER ON THE WAY ...
IT'S ALREADY SO LATE ...

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HAHA... NO, I DON'T WANT TO KNOW! THERE'S ONLY YOU IN MY HEART AND TIME WILL FOREVER STOP AT 7PM!
STUPID! LOOK WHAT TIME IT IS!

WOW! YOU REALLY CAME! I'M SO HAPPY!
URARA !
Yamazaki

I'M SO HAPPY...
YOU REALLY CAME!

AREN'T YOU ANGRY WITH ME?
WAITING IN THE RAIN....
YOU...

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URARA ...!
YOU LEFT ME A MESSAGE ON MY BEEPER! YOU MUST HAVE AN EMERGENCY. BUT I KNEW YOU WILL COME LATER!
YES! I WAS ANGRY FOR A WHILE. I WAS THINKING OF JUST GOING HOME! BUT

IS ANY-THING WRONG?
.....
THANK GOODNESS IT IS RAINING!
NOBODY CAN NOTICE THAT I'M CRYING!
URARA ...!
YES! TOUMA, YOU.
I'M ALSO TIRED ..
URARA ...

I...
YOU! I....
UH?

I...
DON'T WORRY! NO MATTER WHAT OTHER THINGS CAUSE YOU SADNESS...
I WILL BY YOUR SIDE!

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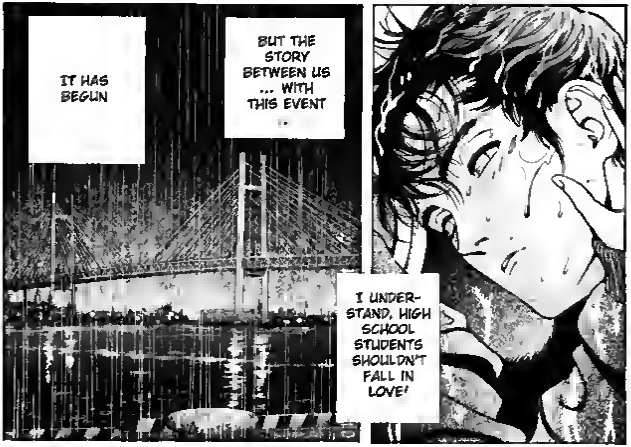
IT HAS BEGUN
BUT THE STORY BETWEEN US ... WITH THIS EVENT
I UNDER-STAND, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULDN'T FALL IN LOVE!

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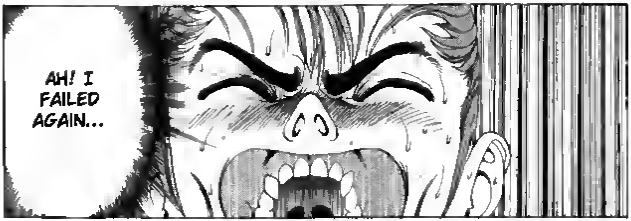
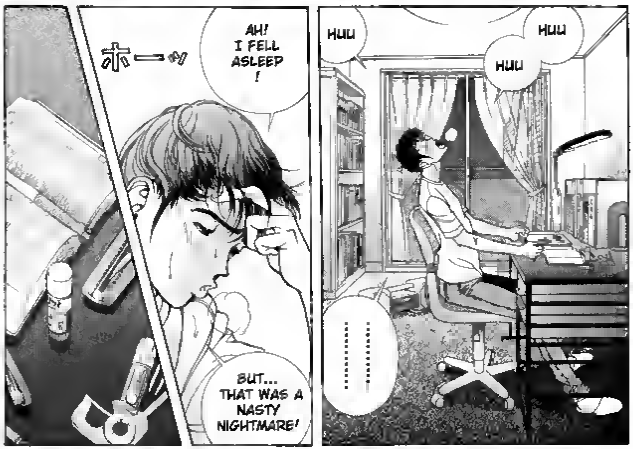
THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MOCK EXAM

KEIO COLLEGE ...


AH! I FAILED AGAIN...


AH! I FELL ASLEEP !
BUT... THAT WAS A NASTY NIGHTMARE!
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CONCEN-TRATE... STUDY! STUDY!
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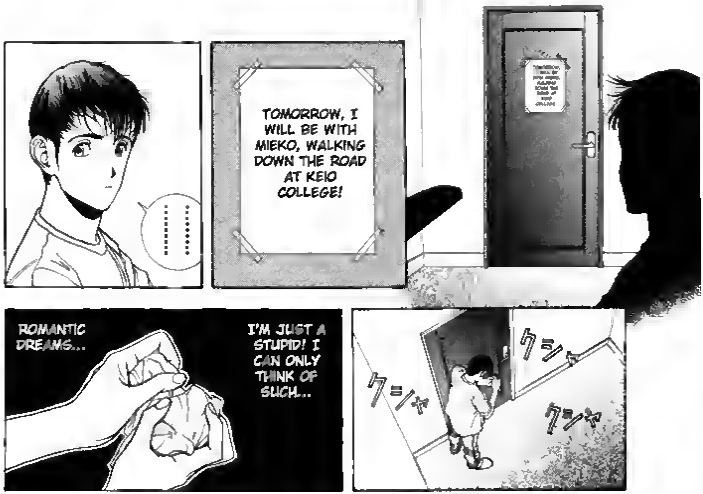
I HAVE A MOCK EXAM TOMORROW, I DON'T HAVE ANYTIME TO SPEND ON THOSE ROMAN-TIC THINGS....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TOMORROW, I WILL BE WITH MIEKO, WALKING DOWN THE ROAD AT KEIO COLLEGE!
ROMANTIC DREAMS...
I'M JUST A STUPID! I CAN ONLY THINK OF SUCH...
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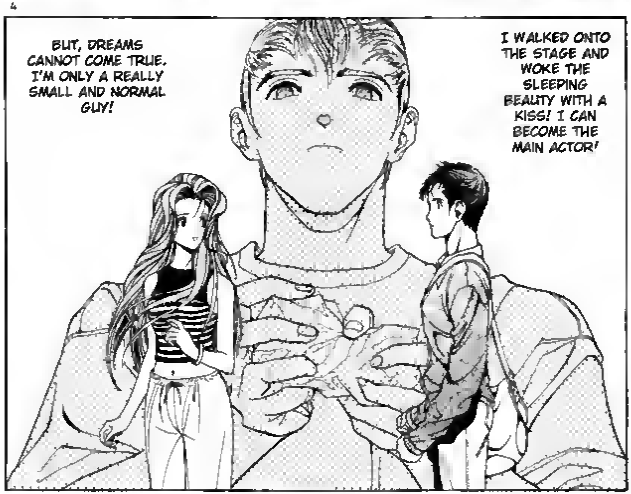
BUT, DREAMS CANNOT COME TRUE. I'M ONLY A REALLY SMALL AND NORMAL GUY!
I WALKED ONTO THE STAGE AND WOKE THE SLEEPING BEAUTY WITH A KISS! I CAN BECOME THE MAIN ACTOR!

I FINALLY UNDER-STAND
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TOUMA ...!
YOU MUST BE ALL WET FROM THE RAIN. I BROUGHT YOU A
HERE!
WHAT'S WRONG ?
NO, NOTHING ..
UM...
ACTUALLY, I NOTICED IT A WHILE AGO

UH?
IT'S NOTHING ...

SUCH AS ..
GETTING DUMPED BY MIEKO?

UH? REALLY? HIS ATTITUDE, HIS SHAKING!
COULD IT BE ...
THAT
THAT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

YOU DON'T HAVE ENERGY!
IF POSSIBLE, LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

TODAY AT 5.07PM, ONCE AGAIN...
MY HEART WAS BROKEN ....
LET ME TELL YOU!
IN GRADE 9, I EXPERIENCED A BROKEN HEART ..
AH! LET'S NOT USE NAMES!
AH! WHAT HAVE I DONE? I THOUGHT I WAS THE KNIGHT! IT TURNS OUT THAT I'M AN UGLY AND SAD MOUSE!
I'VE BEEN DUMPED .. DUMPED! M SAID SHE IS ALREADY IN A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH HER BOYFRIEND!
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BECAUSE OF THIS, THE BEGINNING OF MY EXAM FAILURE LIFE, WAS OCCUPIED BY THIS TOKYO ROMANCE, WASTING MY PRECIOUS TIME!
FROM NOW ON, I WILL ONLY CONCENTRATE ON MY STUDIES...

GO, LET'S GO!
GO AND GET ENER-GIZED!
BUT I STILL HAVE A MOCK EXAM TO PREPARE FOR.
THE MOUSE THAT JUST CAME BACK FROM YOKO-HAMA MUST BE ALL WET, RIGHT?
THERE'S A BATH-HOUSE NEARBY AND ONLY A FEW PEOPLE GO THERE. AT THE BATHHOUSE YOU CAN ENJOY A GOOD BATH AND CHANGE YOUR FEELINGS!
LET'S TAKE A BATH!
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THE PRINCE WHO TOOK MY FIRST KISS!
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WHERE'S THAT TOUGH MACHO GUY'S WEAKNESS?
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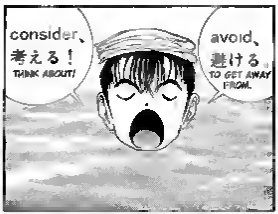
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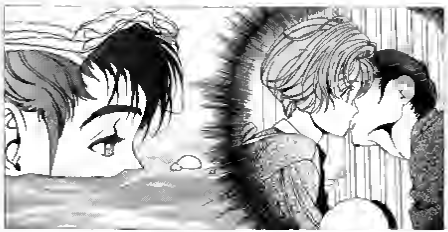

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WHY IS IT AFFECTING ME SO DEEPLY? I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT TOMORROW'S EXAMS...
WHATS GOING ON? NO MATER WHAT I DO IT WON'T GET OUT OF MY MIND

LOOK LEFT
LOOK RIGHT
GU DONG
UH?
LET ME CLEAN YOUR BACK!
TOUMA!
HAHAHA... I MUST HAVE BEEN IMAGINING THINGS!
A GUY WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE URARA ENTERED!

ARE YOU CRAZY?
THIS IS THE MEN'S BATH!
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AI! DON'T WORRY ABOUT BEING DISCOVERED!
NO ONE COMES HERE THIS LATE!
IF SOMEONE DOES COME, I'LL QUICKLY GO BACK!
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AH, IT'S SO COMFORTABLE♡
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
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UH? UM... HOW SHOULD I SAY IT... THINGS LIKE THIS COMMONLY HAPPEN...
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING? WHY DO YOU LIKE HER? THAT WOMAN FROM KEIO...
ON THE DAY I TOOK KEIO'S ENTRANCE EXAM, SHE SAT NEXT TO ME; I PICKED UP HER STUDENT ID CARD, AND THIS IS HOW IT'S STARTED THE HICK, I.E. ME, WHO HASN'T BEEN TO A BIG CITY, TREATED HER AS IF SHE WAS THE "EXAM GODDESS"
A HICK FOR THE COUNTRY GOES TO THE BIG CITY, GET HOOKED BY A PRETTY WOMEN, ISN'T THAT A COMMON OCCURRENCE?
BAH! I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HER AT ALL! IT'S FUNNY?
I JUST WANTED TO GO OUT WITH HER
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WOULD CONSIST OF JUST ONE PARTY! I'M A REALLY STUPID!

BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE...
THIS SADNESS IN YOU!
I FEEL KINDA HAPPY!
TOUMA, YOU BROKE UP WITH HER ...

I NEVER LEARNED FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE *
"PEOPLE LEARN FROM THEIR FAILURES, BUT I NEVER DID ...

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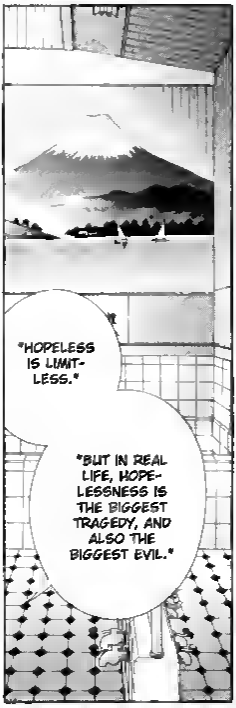
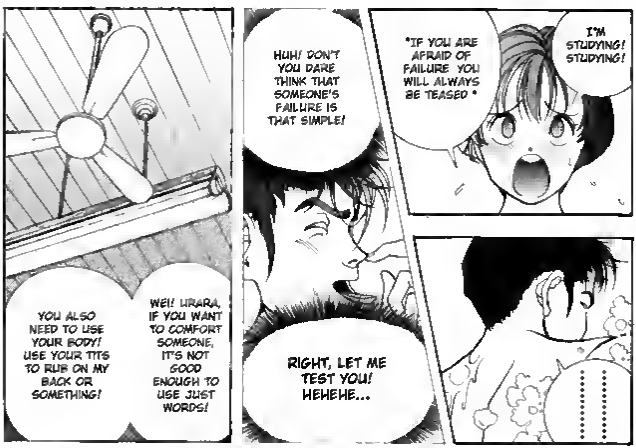
HUH?
"BEING AFRAID OF THE FUTURE IS JUST INVITES FAILURE IN THE FUTURE IT WILL LIMIT ONE'S FUTURE ACTIONS THAT IS

"FAILURE IS A NEW CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO STAND UP AGAIN! A FAILURE CAUSED FROM ONE'S HARD WORK WILL NOT BE DISMISSED!"


"HOPELESS IS LIMITLESS."
"BUT IN REAL LIFE, HOPELESSNESS IS THE BIGGEST TRAGEDY, AND ALSO THE BIGGEST EVIL."

NO, NO... I'M STILL IN HIGH-SCHOOL, JUST A STUDENT...
YI?
YOU...COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE COMFORTING ME...?


I'M STUDYING! STUDYING!
"IF YOU ARE AFRAID OF FAILURE YOU WILL ALWAYS BE TEASED."
HUH! DON'T YOU DARE THINK THAT SOMEONE'S FAILURE IS THAT SIMPLE!
WEI! URARA, IF YOU WANT TO COMFORT SOMEONE, IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO USE JUST WORDS!
YOU ALSO NEED TO USE YOUR BODY! USE YOUR TITS TO RUB ON MY BACK OR SOMETHING!
RIGHT, LET ME TEST YOU! HEHEHE...

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UH? WHAT'S THIS FEELING?
THIS IS THE MALE BATHS, SHE WON'T DARE DO IT!

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THERE'LL BE A CLEAR SKY FOR TOMORROW'S MOCK EXAM!
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WOW! IT STOPPED RAINING!
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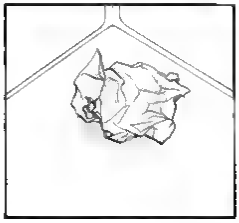
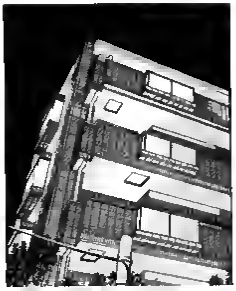
I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT MIEKO ALREADY! I WILL DO MY BEST IN THE MOCK EXAM!
HARA, THANK YOU! I'M FULL OF ENERGY NOW!





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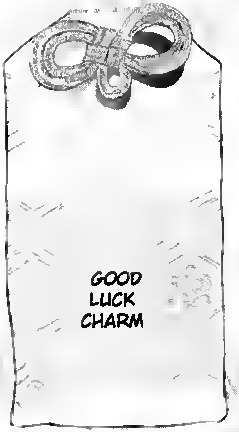
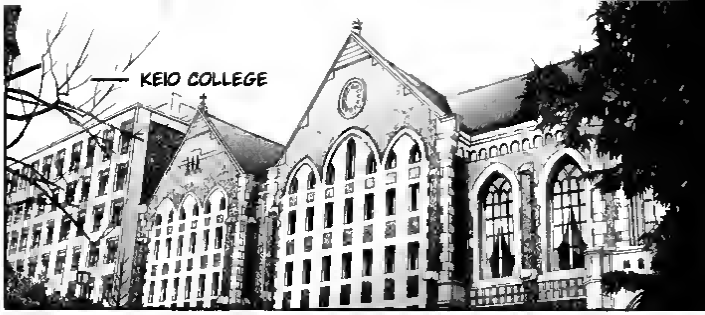
CHARMS





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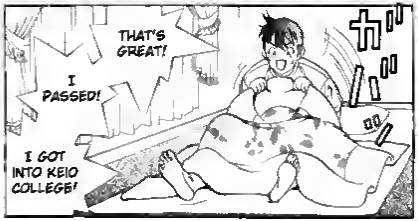
THAT'S GREAT!
I PASSED!
I GOT INTO KEIO COLLEGE!
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KEIO...
HUH?
IT WAS JUST... A DREAM?

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NO WAY ...

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THAT'S GREAT!
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MY THIRD EYE IS THE INTELLI-GENT EYE!
I WILL DEFI-NITELY NOT FORGET!
LAST NIGHT, I USED MY RIGHT HAND'S MIDDLE FINGER AND DREW A FEW DEEP LINES ON MY FORWARD. SAID A FEW CHARMS!
TODAY IS CRAM SCHOOL'S FIRST MOCK EXAM! ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY APRIL, WE NEED TO START OFF HARD, DON'T RELAX, DO YOUR BEST!
INABA TOUMA'S PREDICTION
PASS
POINT SCORE GRAPH
MAY
AUGUST
DECEMBER
NOW
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SURE THAT IT'LL BE WITHIN PASS LEVEL.
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SPIRIT OF MIRROR, PLEASE GIVE ME THE CON-CENTRATION!
SPIRIT OF MIRROR, PLEASE GIVE ME THE CONCENTRATION!
SPIRIT OF MIRROR, PLEASE GIVE ME THE CON-CENTRATION!
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OUCH ...
IN THE END ...
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ENERGY TEA!
URARA, WHAT'S THIS?

I HEARD THAT IT'S A SECRET FORMULA! ♡
I DIDN'T ADD SUGAR... I ADDED HONEY AND THREE ENERGY PILLS,
IT CAN CURE SHOULDER PAIN AND ENERGIZE YOUR BRAIN.
OH! THANKS!
YOU SAID SECRET FORMULA; THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING!

I'LL GIVE YOU THIS, AND YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME BACK THE SAME THING!
OI!
THIS... YES
I HOPE YOU DON'T MISUNDER-STAND ME!
WHAT? A GIFT?
WAH! CAN I OPEN IT?
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IDIOT! PERVERT! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WAH! PUBIC HAIR?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MISUNDER-STAND ME!

AND YOU PUT IT IN THE MONTHLY TRAIN PASS HOLDER AND WALK AROUND WITH IT. THEN, THE RELATIONSHIP WILL PASS! THIS IS A CHARM!
COUPLES GIVE EACH OTHER THEIR PUBIC HAIR.
DO YOU KNOW OF IT?

OF COURSE NOT! YOU AND I ARE LANDLADY AND TENANT RELATIONSHIP ... THIS...
LOVE.. LOVER...?
THIS... THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT.
UH!

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT.

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WOW! HOW CAN THIS BE?
COUPLE? DOES THIS MEAN, THAT YOU ACCEPTED THAT I'M YOUR LOVER?
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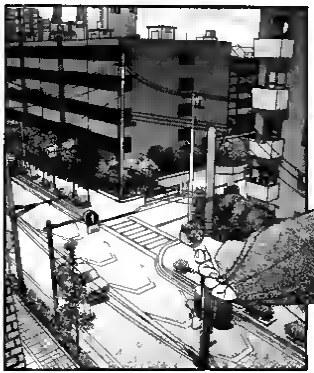
WHAT THE? DON'T YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM NEXT YEAR TOO?
I SAID NO!



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LIM! ALTHOUGH YOU SA THAT
I DON'T WANT TO! I'M TOO SHY!

I WILL BELIEVE THEM! I CAN'T TRUST MY OWN STRENGTH! UNLESS THIS SOCIETY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN CHARMS?
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND MY SUFFERING. I'M AN EXAM FAILURE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF A CHARM IT IS,
YOU SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND A TEENAGE GIRL'S FEELINGS. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF GIVING ME THAT THING TO ME?
OI! URARA ...
YOU'LL BE LATE FOR YOUR EXAM, HURRY UP AND GO!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
STUPID!

URARA KASUGA.
URARA KASUGA
AH, SHE SAID SHE CAUGHT A COLD
SO I HELPED HER REQUEST A DAY OFF!
REALLY? SHE NEVER TAKES A BREAK!
WHERE'S URARA KASUGA?

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URARA'S VOICE SOUNDED HEALTHY WHEN I WAS ON THE PHONE WITH HER!
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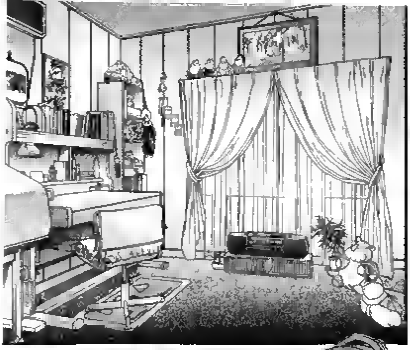

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YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT I BELIEVE IN ANY CHARM...
CHARM? SECRET FORMULA? WHATEVER ...
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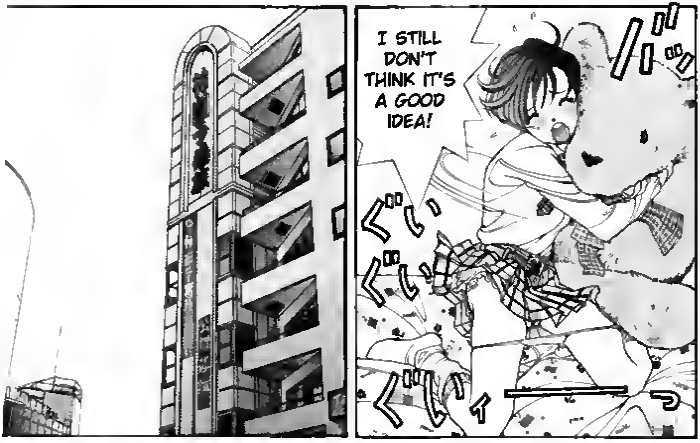

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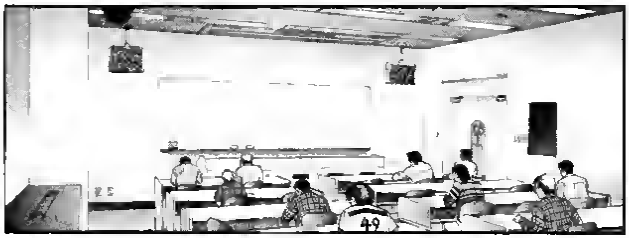

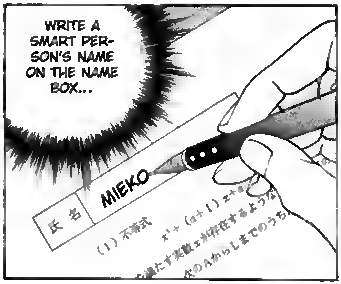
WRITE A SMART PERSON'S NAME ON THE NAME BOX...
氏名
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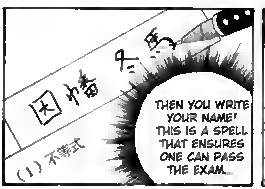
THEN YOU WRITE YOUR NAME! THIS IS A SPELL THAT ENSURES ONE CAN PASS THE EXAM.

MIEKO YOTSUBA

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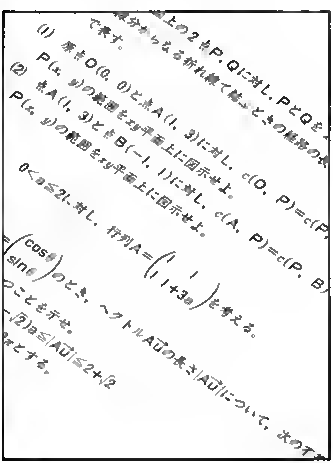
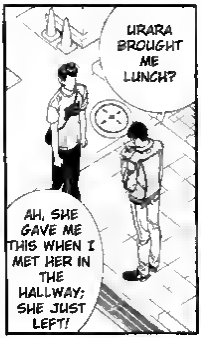
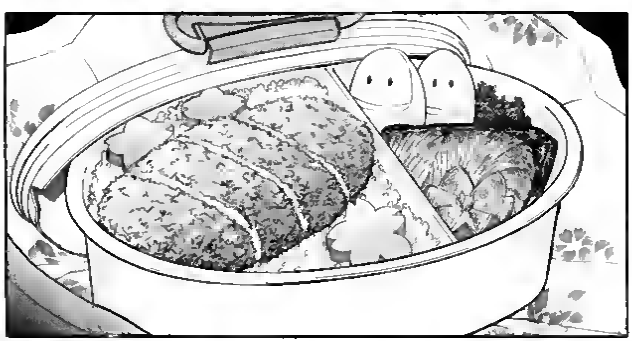
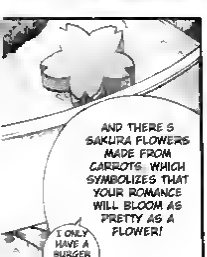


SHE DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL?
UM?

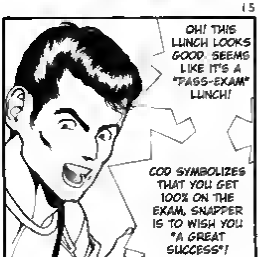

URARA BROUGHT ME LUNCH?
AH, SHE GAVE ME THIS WHEN I MET HER IN THE HALLWAY; SHE JUST LEFT!

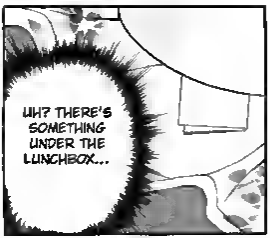
CRAM SCHOOL
UM?

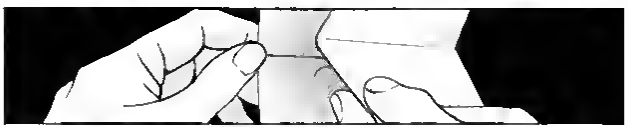



AND THERE'S SAKURA FLOWERS MADE FROM CARROTS. WHICH SYMBOLIZES THAT YOUR ROMANCE WILL BLOOM AS PRETTY AS A FLOWER!
I ONLY HAVE A BURGER AND A COKE!

I SEE... OH REALLY? HAHAHA
AH! THIS LUNCHBOX MEANS GOOD LUCK!
I ONLY HAVE A HAMBURGER AND A COKE!


OH! THIS LUNCH LOOKS GOOD. SEEMS LIKE IT'S A "PASS-EXAM" LUNCH!
COD SYMBOLIZES THAT YOU GET 100% ON THE EXAM, SNAPPER IS TO WISH YOU "A GREAT SUCCESS"!





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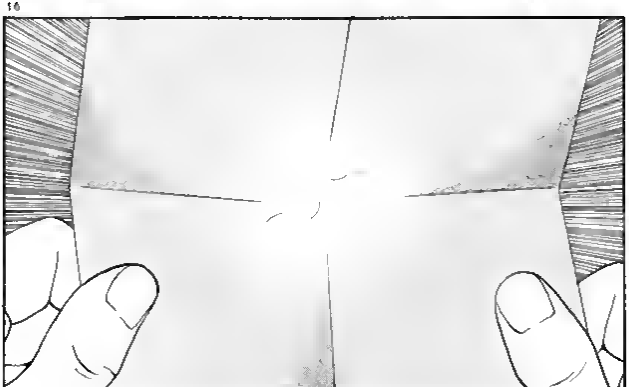
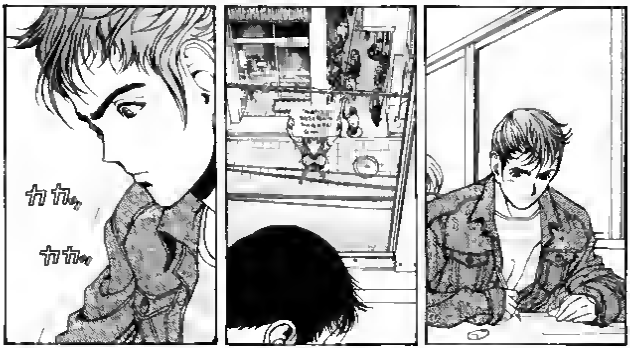


URARA, SHE...

WHAT? WHAT IS THAT?

AH? WAH...
I HAVE A COLD, SO SHE BROUGHT ME SOME MEDICINE!



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SORRY! TOUMA! YOUR SUFFERING IS MY SUFFERING!
GO FOR IT!
URARA!
WHA

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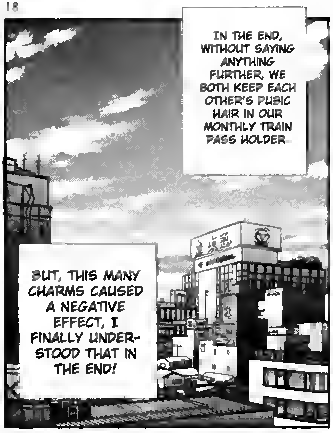
IN THE END, WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING FURTHER, WE BOTH KEEP EACH OTHER'S PUBIC HAIR IN OUR MONTHLY TRAIN PASS HOLDER
BUT, THIS MANY CHARMS CAUSED A NEGATIVE EFFECT, I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IN THE END!

GO FOR IT!

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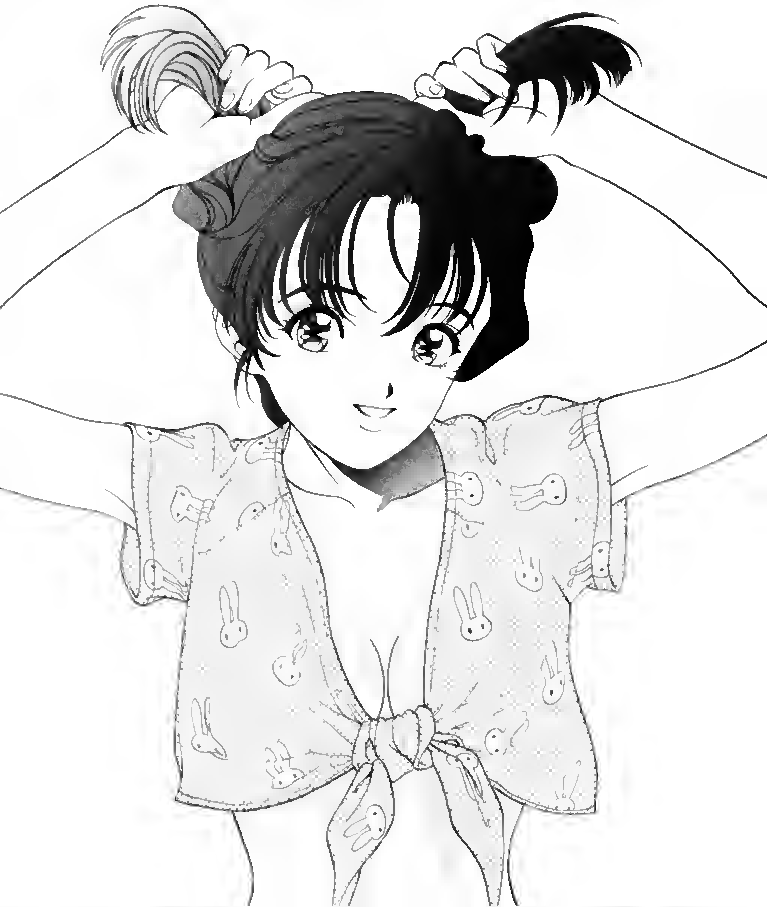

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AH! I
PASSED!
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UH?
WHERE'S YOURS?
HOW SAD!
TOUMA, THAT'S MY STUDENT ID NUMBER!
IT'S TOO GREAT, URARA, I PASSED!
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WAH... I FAILED AGAIN!
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URARA GOT IN AND I FAILED!
WHEN WILL THIS DREAM END?
IT'S THAT... THAT DREAM AGAIN
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第1回 学力到達度試験
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氏名
山崎朱鳥
科目
国語
英語
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数学
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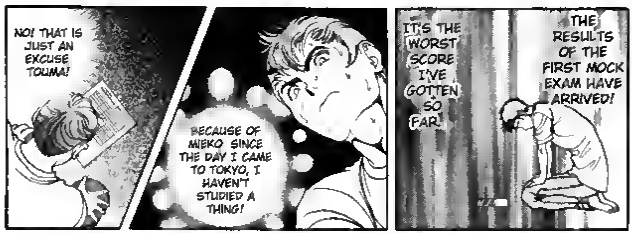
NO! THAT IS JUST AN EXCUSE TOUMA!
BECAUSE OF MIEKO SINCE THE DAY I CAME TO TOKYO, I HAVEN'T STUDIED A THING!
IT'S THE WORST SCORE I'VE GOTTEN SO FAR!
THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST MOCK EXAM HAVE ARRIVED!

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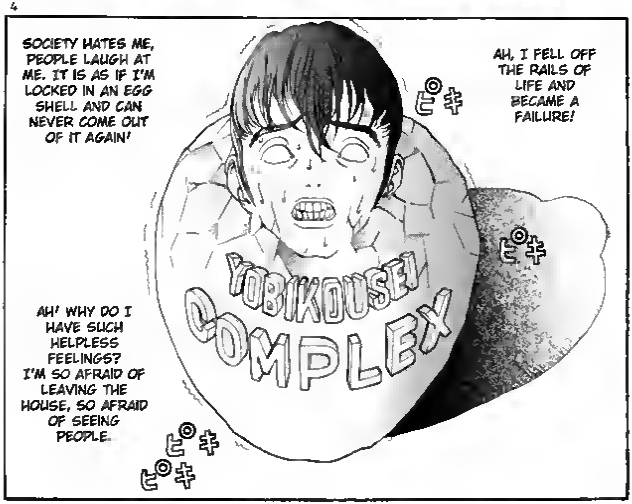
SOCIETY HATES ME, PEOPLE LAUGH AT ME. IT IS AS IF I'M LOCKED IN AN EGG SHELL AND CAN NEVER COME OUT OF IT AGAIN!
AH, I FELL OFF THE RAILS OF LIFE AND BECAME A FAILURE!
TOBIKOUSEI COMPLEX
AH! WHY DO I HAVE SUCH HELPLESS FEELINGS? I'M SO AFRAID OF LEAVING THE HOUSE, SO AFRAID OF SEEING PEOPLE.

RIGHT... RIGHT, WAIT! WHAT AM I THINKING?
I WON'T SURPRISE OTHERS, WON'T BE DISCOVERED BY OTHERS, I'LL BE AN INVISIBLE MAN, SECRETLY AND QUIETLY SPENDING HIS TIME AT CRAM SCHOOL STUDYING, HOW'S THAT?
IN TOKYO, NO ONE KNOWS ME! BEFORE NEXT YEAR'S EXAM, TOUMA INABA WILL CEASE TO EXIST!
IF I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY, I CAN ESCAPE FROM THIS PAIN!

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HI! TOUMA! GOOD MORNING!
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SUMMER IS COMING SOON, AND I NEEDED BUY A NEW SWIMSUIT,
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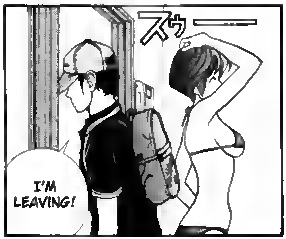
WHAT'D YOU THINK?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I'M LEAVING!

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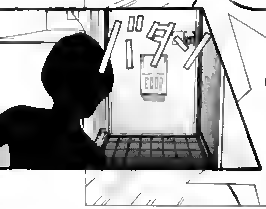
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A LITTLE EXPENSIVE I BOUGHT THIS SWIMSUIT TO CHEER UP THAT PERVERTED TOUMA...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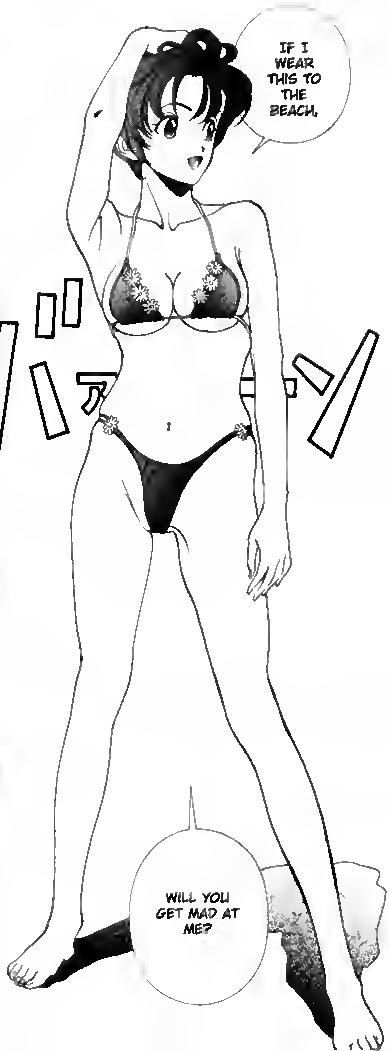
IF I WEAR THIS TO THE BEACH,
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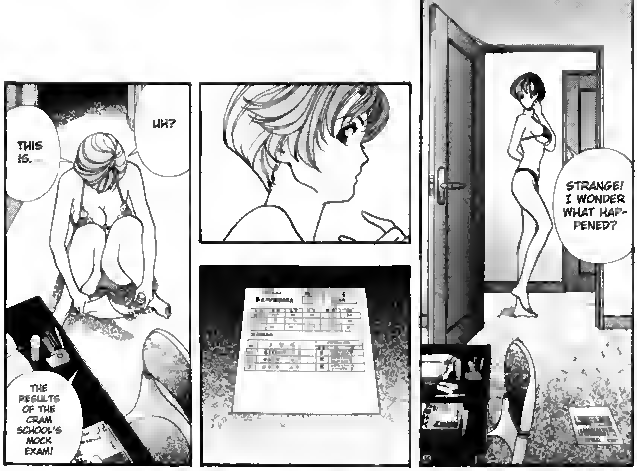
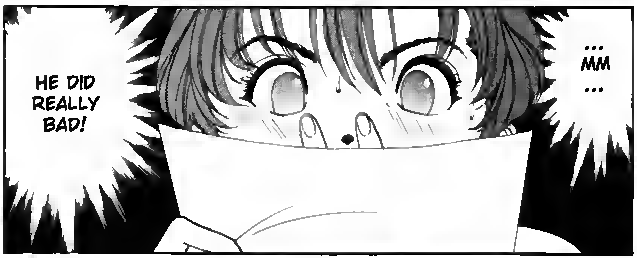
WILL YOU GET MAD AT ME?


STRANGE! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
UH?
THIS IS...
THE RESULTS OF THE CRAM SCHOOL'S MOCK EXAM!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HE DID REALLY BAD!

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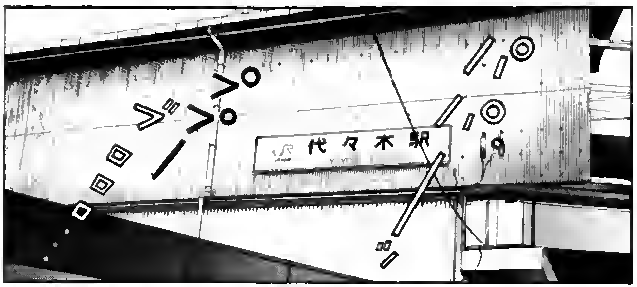
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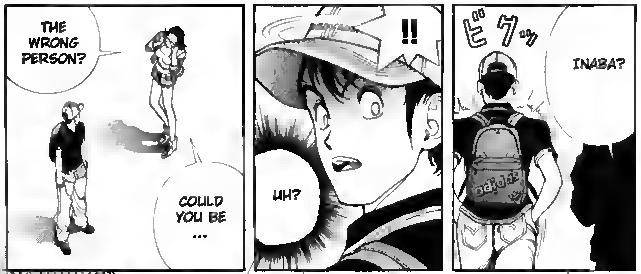
THIS IS TOKYO! INVISIBLE MAN! INVISIBLE MAN!
YES, NO ONE KNOWS THIS IS THE CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT WHO ONLY GOT 39 ON THE MOCK EXAM!


THE WRONG PERSON?
COULD YOU BE ...
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INABA?

YOU REALLY ARE INABA!
AH
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I'M IZUMI !
I'M THE GIRL WHO YOU BROKE UP WITH IN JUNIOR HIGH!
WOW! THIS IS SO SWEET! TOKYO IS SUCH A SMALL PLACE!
I CAME FROM IDO TO TOKYO TO GO TO THE UNIVERSITY! THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING SINCE OUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT THIS FEELING IS A BIT
WHO'S HE?
UM? AH!
WOW! A GUY...

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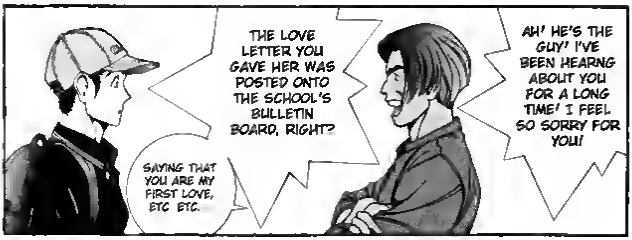
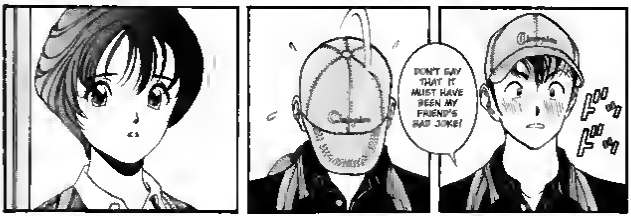
HE'S THE GUY YOU ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT!
HE'S THE GUY WHO WROTE MANY LETTERS TO ME .


SAYING THAT YOU ARE MY FIRST LOVE, ETC ETC.
THE LOVE LETTER YOU GAVE HER WAS POSTED ONTO THE SCHOOL'S BULLETIN BOARD, RIGHT?
AH! HE'S THE GUY! I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT YOU FOR A LONG TIME! I FEEL SO SORRY FOR YOU!


DON'T SAY THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN MY FRIEND'S BAD JOKE!
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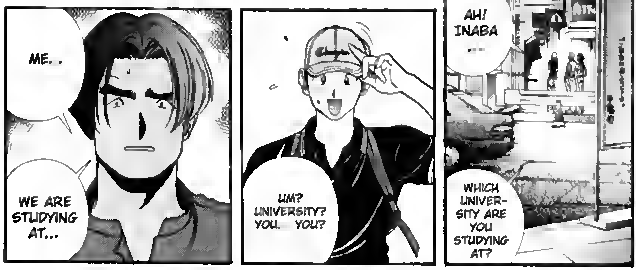
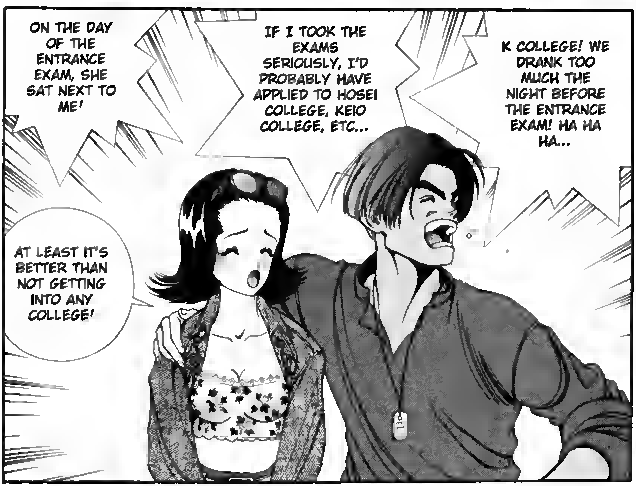
ALTHOUGH I RECEIVED A FEW LOVE LETTERS FROM HIM, BUT WE DIDN'T START GOING OUT...
INABA! KEN'S ALWAYS BEEN JEALOUS OF YOU. HE KEPT ON ASKING ME WHAT KIND OF PERSON THAT GUY WAS!
WEI WEI! HOW CAN CAN YOU SAY THAT IN FRONT OF HIM... ISN'T THAT KIND OF RUDE? HA HA HA...


ME. .
WE ARE STUDYING AT...
UM? UNIVERSITY? YOU. YOU?
AH! INABA
WHICH UNIVERSITY ARE YOU STUDYING AT?


ON THE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE EXAM, SHE SAT NEXT TO ME!
IF I TOOK THE EXAMS SERIOUSLY, I'D PROBABLY HAVE APPLIED TO HOSEI COLLEGE, KEIO COLLEGE, ETC...
K COLLEGE! WE DRANK TOO MUCH THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ENTRANCE EXAM! HA HA HA...
AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN NOT GETTING INTO ANY COLLEGE!

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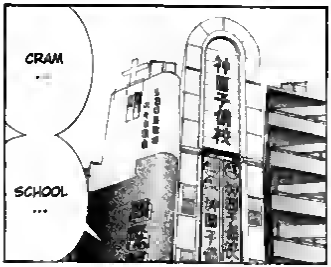
AH! INABA, YOU ARE STUDYING AT...?
YES! THAT'S RIGHT! SO DON'T LAUGH AT US ABOUT THAT..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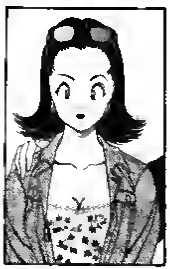

GOODBYE
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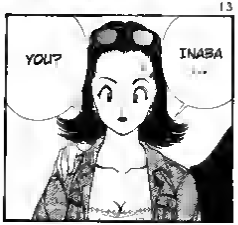
YES...


YOU?
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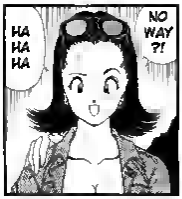

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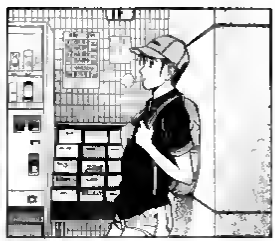

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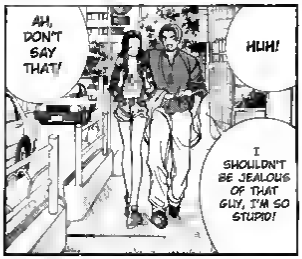
AH, DON'T SAY THAT!
HUH!
I SHOULDN'T BE JEALOUS OF THAT GUY, I'M SO STUPID!

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T SAY BAD THINGS ABOUT OTHERS BEHIND THEIR BACKS!
TOKYO IS A VERY SMALL CITY,
OR ELSE ...

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OI, URARA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU DIDN'T TAKE A LOOK AT MY SWIM-SUIT THIS MORNING, SO THIS IS YOUR PENALTY! PUT YOUR HAND ON MY CHEST AND THINK CLEARLY ABOUT WHAT YOU DI
YOU'LL END UP LIKE THIS!
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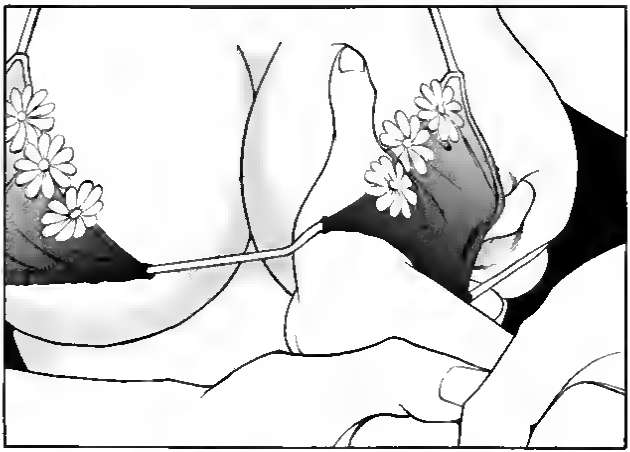

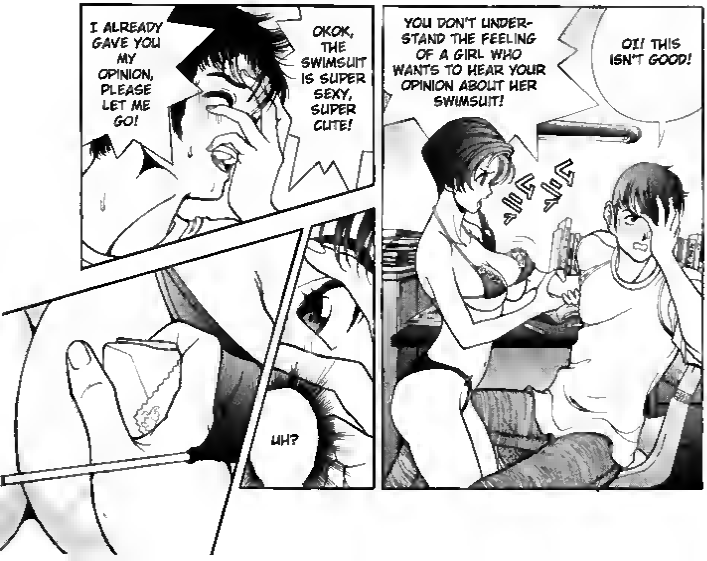
I ALREADY GAVE YOU MY OPINION, PLEASE LET ME GO!
OKOK, THE SWIMSUIT IS SUPER SEXY, SUPER CUTE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FEELING OF A GIRL WHO WANTS TO HEAR YOUR OPINION ABOUT HER SWIMSUIT!
OI! THIS ISN'T GOOD!
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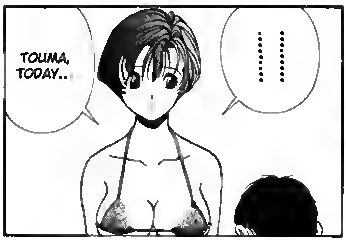
UH?


TOUMA, TODAY..
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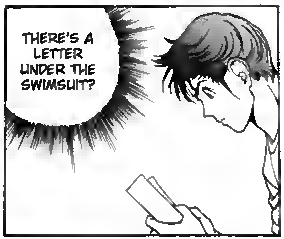
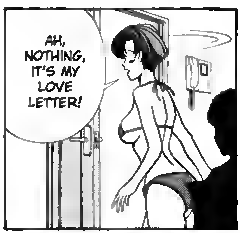
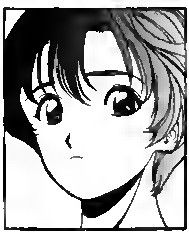
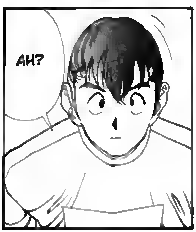

THERE'S A LETTER UNDER THE SWIMSUIT?


AH, NOTHING, IT'S MY LOVE LETTER!

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WHAT IS THIS? TODAY I EXPERIENCED THAT EVENT, BUT I'M NOT UPSET ABOUT IT!
I'M HER FIRST LOVE?
DEAR TOUMA, TODAY LET ME TELL YOU ONE OF MY SECRETS ACTUALLY TOUMA, YOUR MY FIRST LOVE♡ YOUR A VERY VERY SPECIAL PERSON! ♡ ❀URARA❀
I DON'T KNOW WHY.. BUT I'VE DECIDED NOT TO BECOME AN INVISIBLE MAN...

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PRE-EXAM ANXIETY

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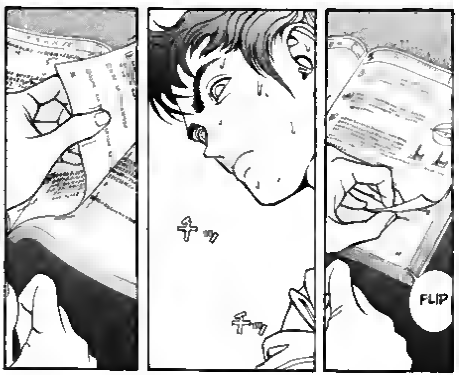
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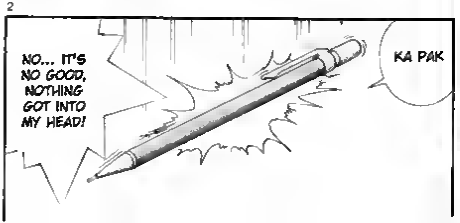
NO... IT'S NO GOOD, NOTHING GOT INTO MY HEAD!
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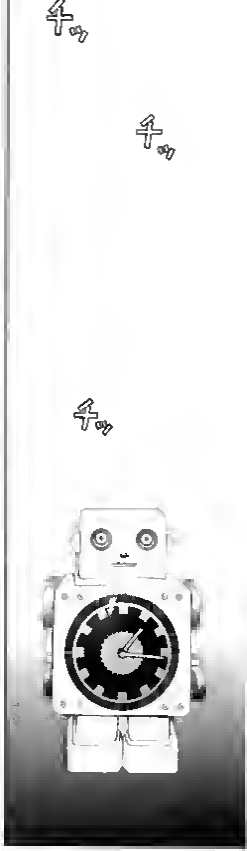
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AHHH...
CONCENTRATE!
WHY? IF I CONTINUE LIKE THIS, MY STUDIES ARE GOING TO GO NOWHERE.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? I BOUGHT A COUPLE REFERENCE BOOKS, BUT I CAN ONLY MANAGE TO READ TWO OR THREE PAGES FROM THEM?
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WORRIED
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THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MOCK EXAM, AT THE BATHHOUSE, URARA... SHE DID THIS ...
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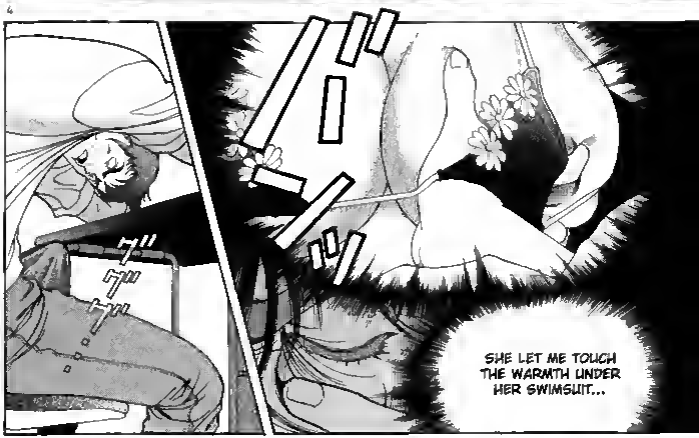
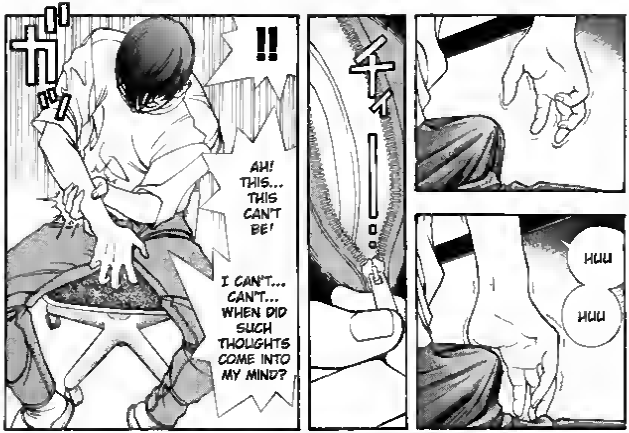

SHE LET ME TOUCH THE WARMTH UNDER HER SWIMSUIT...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AH! THIS... THIS CAN'T BE!
I CAN'T... CAN'T... WHEN DID SUCH THOUGHTS COME INTO MY MIND?
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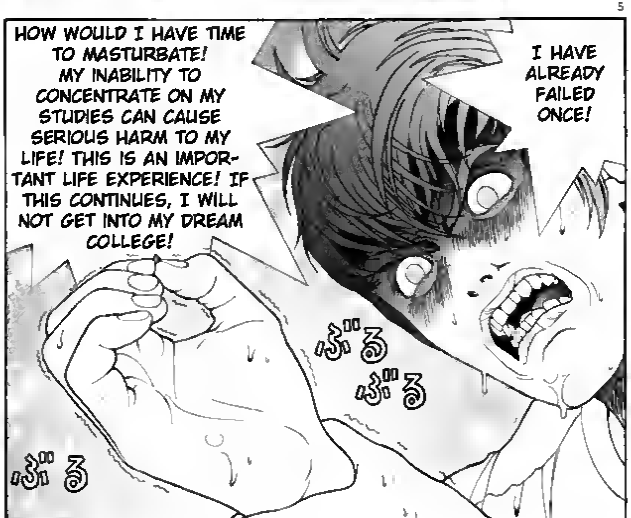
HOW WOULD I HAVE TIME TO MASTURBATE! MY INABILITY TO CONCENTRATE ON MY STUDIES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HARM TO MY LIFE! THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LIFE EXPERIENCE! IF THIS CONTINUES, I WILL NOT GET INTO MY DREAM COLLEGE!
I HAVE ALREADY FAILED ONCE!

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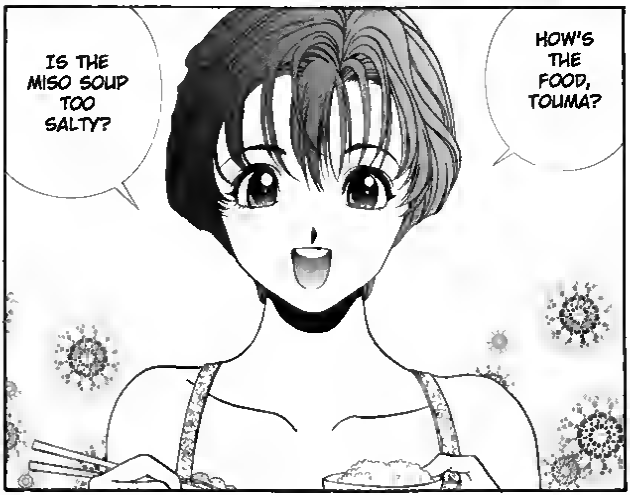

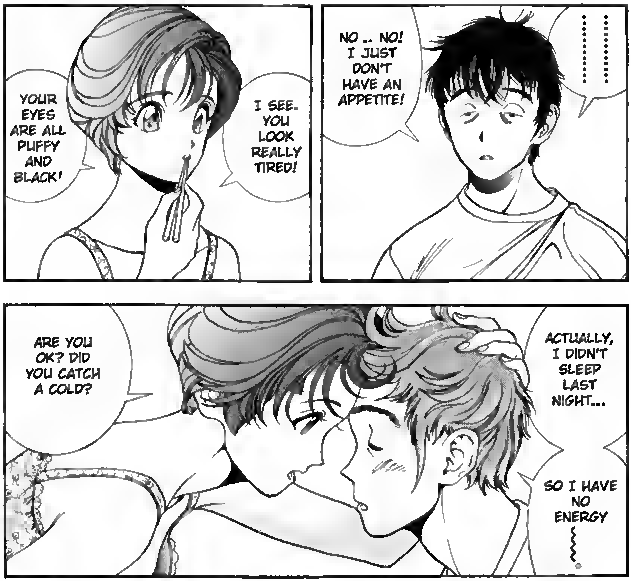
YOUR EYES ARE ALL PUFFY AND BLACK!
I SEE. YOU LOOK REALLY TIRED!
NO .. NO! I JUST DON'T HAVE AN APPETITE!
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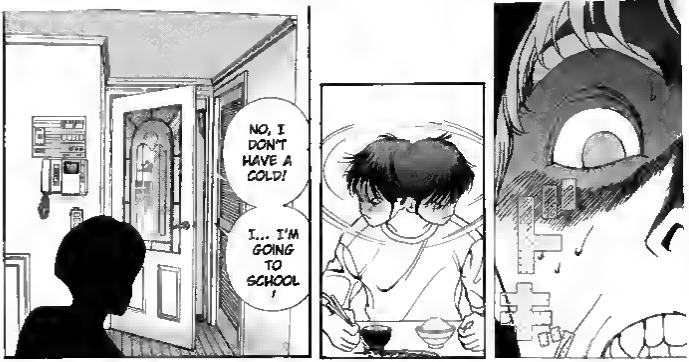
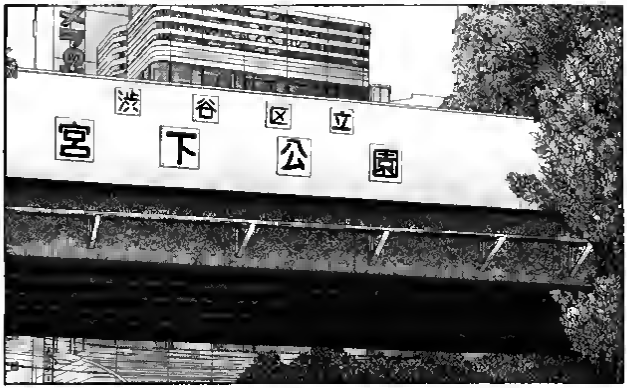
ARE YOU OK? DID YOU CATCH A COLD?
ACTUALLY, I DIDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT...
SO I HAVE NO ENERGY
WAIT! THERE'S A PACK OF MEDICINE HANGING ON ONE OF THE CHAIRS!


NO, I DON'T HAVE A COLD!
I... I'M GOING TO SCHOOL!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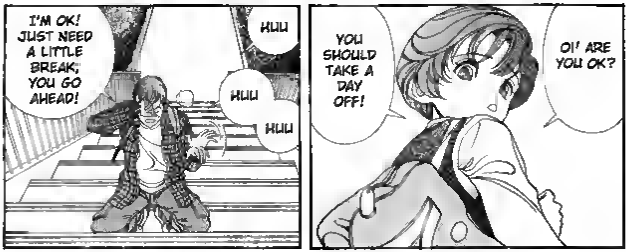
I'M OK! JUST NEED A LITTLE BREAK; YOU GO AHEAD!
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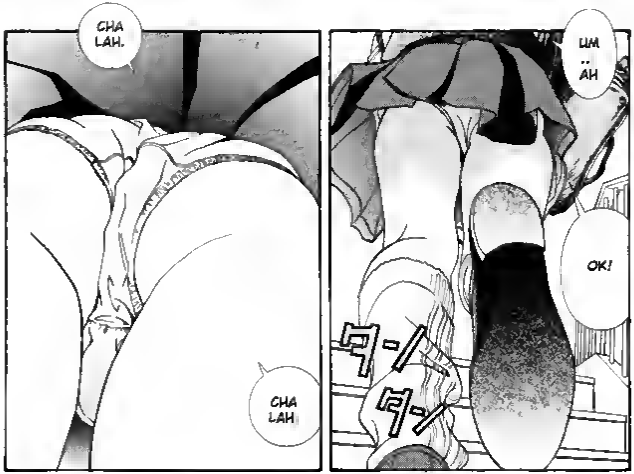
YOU SHOULD TAKE A DAY OFF!
OI! ARE YOU OK?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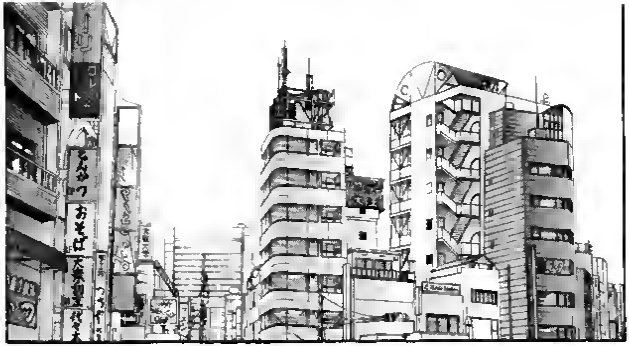

WHAT? THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH INABA? HE CAN'T SLEEP, CAN'T EAT, AND HAS A LACK OF ENERGY?

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PRE-EXAM ANXIETY?
COULD BE PRE-EXAM ANXIETY!
UM...

YES EACH SPRING, ALL STUDENTS GET IT,
A TEMPORARY PSYCHO-LOGICAL ILLNESS..
LOW CONCENTRA-TION, STUDIES ARE SLOWED DOWN, NO ENERGY TO DO ANY-THING... REACHES FOR PERFECTION, BUT CAN'T EVEN CONCENTRATE ON REFERENCE BOOKS
STUDYING TOO MUCH CAUSES THIS, IT'S LIKE YOU PROM-ISED THE STUDY GOD THAT YOU'LL GIVE HIM YOUR FIRST TIME
BECAUSE THERE'S A NEW ENVI-RONMENT, EVERYONE SEXUALITY BECOMES REPRESED BY THEIR STUDIES
WORRY CAUSES YOU TO BREAK THE RULES;
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE WALL OF FAILURE!

AH, KOJI. YOU KNOW SO MUCH!
YOU MUST HAVE HAD SO MUCH EXPERIENCE, THREE YEARS YOU SAY?
AH, I'VE EXPERIENCED THIS BEFORE! 3 YEARS ALREADY!
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THE WAY TO ELIMINATE INABA'S ANNOYANCE IS FOR HIM TO BE ALONE AND MASTURBATE, HE'LL SLEEP WELL AFTERWARDS.
AH, THIS.. NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TELL YOU!
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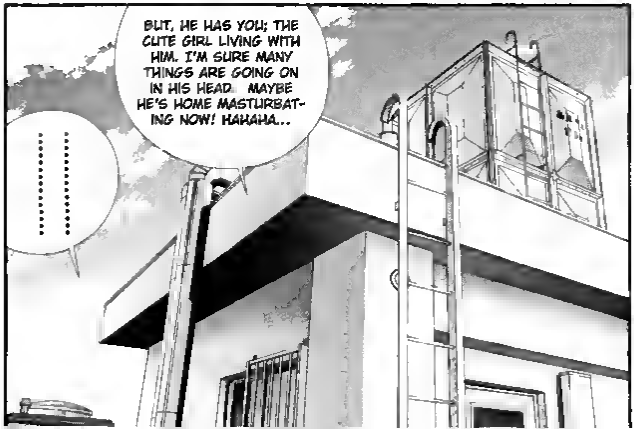
BUT, HE HAS YOU; THE CUTE GIRL LIVING WITH HIM. I'M SURE MANY THINGS ARE GOING ON IN HIS HEAD. MAYBE HE'S HOME MASTURBATING NOW! HAHAHA...
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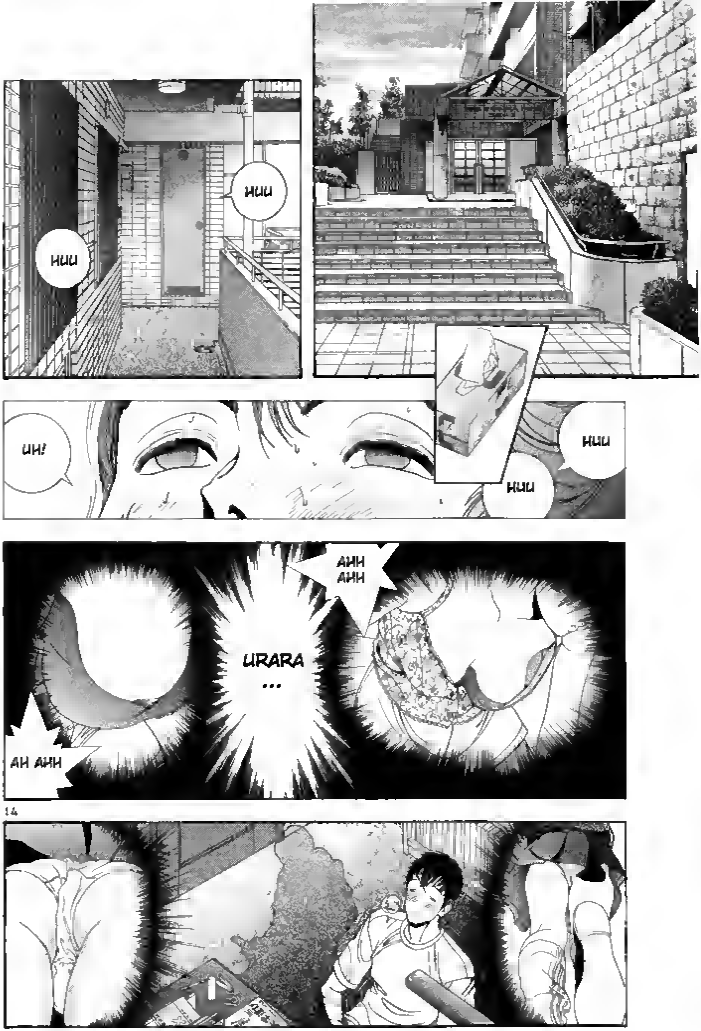

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THIS IS ...
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TOUMA, LET ME TELL YOU A SECRET!
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ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN THINKING OF YOU EVERY NIGHT. I THINK ABOUT YOU AND MASTURBATE.
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AH! NO! I... I WANT...
HURRY... COME... TOUMA!
HURRY ...!
HURRY AND COME! HERE!

AH! YOUR SO MANLY! AH AH AH!

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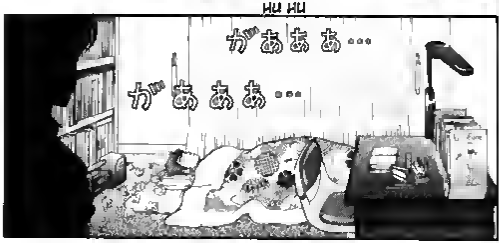
HOW ARE YOU FEELING? IS THERE ANY-THING I CAN HELP YOU...?
TOUMA ...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I WORRY TOO MUCH!
WHAT? DIDN'T HE SAY HE WASN'T SLEEPING WELL?
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I WOKE UP 12 HOURS LATER.. ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY 1PM...
BUT, MY FEELINGS HAVE DEFINITELY RECOVERED A BIT!
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WHAT IS THIS SMELL,
AND WHY ARE THERE SO MANY SCRUNCHED UP TISSUES?

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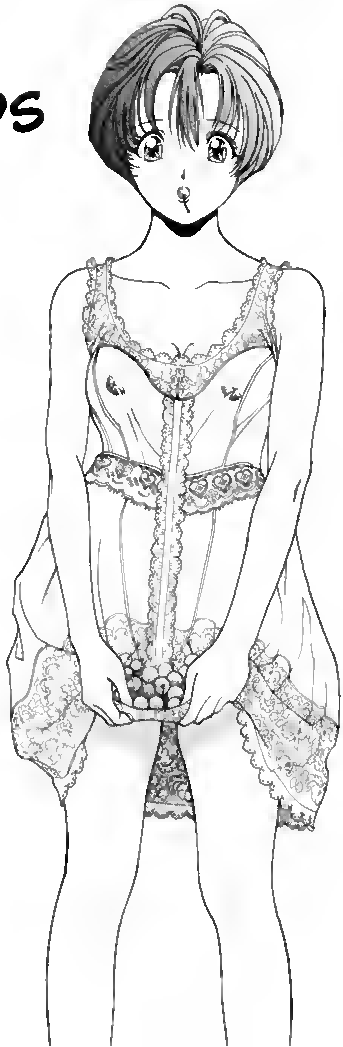
FRIENDS



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DAD'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP—
HE'LL BE BACK IN A WEEK!
URARA, SHE...
NOW I THINK ABOUT IT... THAT'S STRANGE! EVER SINCE I ARRIVED IN TOKYO, I HAVEN'T MET MY UNCLE...

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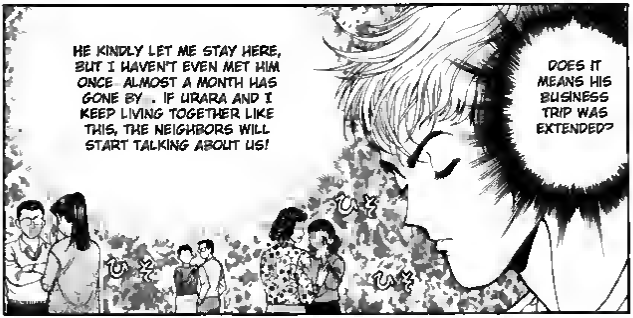
HE KINDLY LET ME STAY HERE, BUT I HAVEN'T EVEN MET HIM ONCE ALMOST A MONTH HAS GONE BY . IF URARA AND I KEEP LIVING TOGETHER LIKE THIS, THE NEIGHBORS WILL START TALKING ABOUT US!
DOES IT MEANS HIS BUSINESS TRIP WAS EXTENDED?
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DON'T DEFEND YOURSELF! DON'T YOU LIKE IT THIS WAY?
BUT ON THE THIRD DAY, I FORCED MYSELF ON HER, AND THEN I KISSED HER...
IF I HADN'T EVEN HELD HER HAND YET, I COULD EXPLAIN THINGS UNCLE EASILY...
AND I MASTURBATE WHILE THINKING ABOUT HER...

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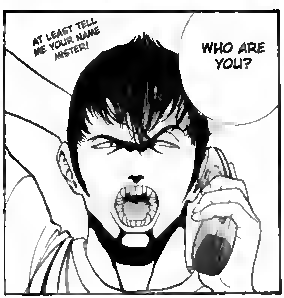
IF UNCLE FOUND OUT ABOUT WHAT BEEN GOING ON, HE'D PROBABLY KILL ME!
AH!

HELLO!
HELLO! AH... UH? STRANGE. HOW COME IT'S NOT URARA?

I'M URARA'S FATHER. WHO ARE YOU?


AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME MISTER!
WHO ARE YOU?

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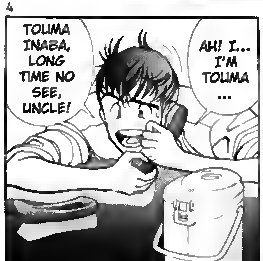
TOUMA INABA. LONG TIME NO SEE, UNCLE!
AH! I... I'M TOUMA ...

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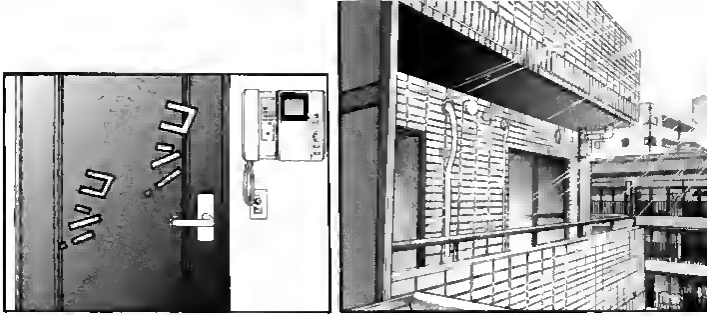
UM! HA ... YES ... HAHAHA ...
APART-MENT...?
AFTER THAT UNCLE AND I TALKED FOR 5 MINUTES...
IN THOSE 5 MINUTES, I LEARNED THAT A MONTH AGO, HE HAD GONE ON A BUSINESS TRIP FOR A YEAR... NOW HE'S IN ITALY AND CANNOT COME BACK RIGHT AWAY.
THAT MEANS URARA KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE ONLY THE TWO OF US LIVING HERE, WHY DID SHE LIE TO ME?
AH! IT'S TOUMA!
HOW... HOW COME YOU ARE AT MY HOUSE?
URARA SAID THAT YOU FOUND AN APARTMENT ALREADY!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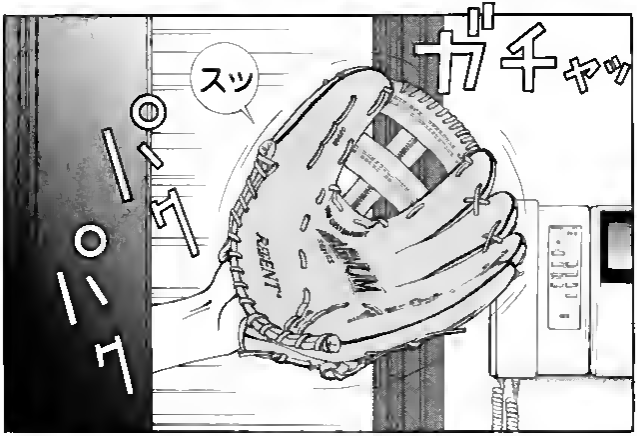
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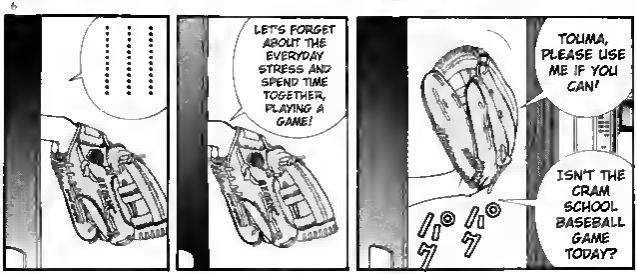
TOUMA, PLEASE USE ME IF YOU CAN!
ISN'T THE CRAM SCHOOL BASEBALL GAME TODAY?
LET'S FORGET ABOUT THE EVERYDAY STRESS AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER, PLAYING A GAME!

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TOUMA! THIS IS THE BASE-BALL GLOVE MY DAD USED BEFORE IF YOU DON'T MIND IT BEING SO OLD PLEASE USE IT!
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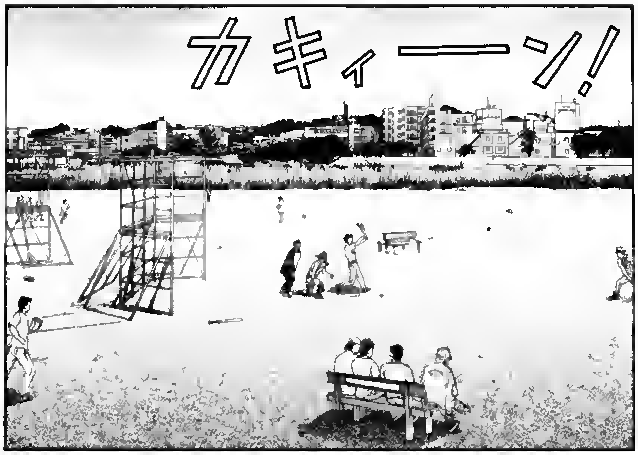
UH? HE'S NOT HERE...
HIS DESKTOP HAS BEEN CLEANED!
AH ?
UM... WHAT HAPPENED?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Oi! WHAT ARE YOU DOING STANDING THERE? THE BALL IS COMING YOUR WAY, TOUMA!
BRAVO! SUPER LIGHT FLY BALL ...

YEAH!
REALLY?
OF COURSE IT'S GOOD TO DEEPEN OUR FRIEND-SHIP. .
YESTERDAY, I PRETEND TO BE A FOREIGNER, AND WOULDN'T EVEN ASK THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING ON THE SAME TABLE JUST SITTING ALONE QUIETLY DOING MY OWN THING
WITH THIS BASEBALL GAME I LOST MY SENSE OF SECURITY, AND NOW HAVE STARTED BEING FRIENDS WITH YOU!
BUT IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE A BASEBALL GAME AMONGST US CRAM STU-DENTS? OI, LOOK!
AH?
KOJI, WILL SOMETHING GO WRONG AFTER DEEPENING OUR FRIEND-SHIP?
HAHAHA ..

UH? YOU WERE ALREADY A COLLEGE STUDENT THREE YEARS AGO?
HAHAHA... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WITHOUT THIS SPRING BASEBALL GAME...
THE PROBLEM IS THE WAY YOU USED TO MAKE FRIENDS! YOU KNEW EACH OTHER FROM SCHOOL AND AFTER CLASS YOU'D GO PLAY POOL, DRINK, OR GO TO THE VIDEO ARCADE!
OI! DON'T ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS WHY ARE YOU STILL STANDING THERE?
TWO, NO, THREE YEARS AGO, I WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN A COLLEGE STUDENT, RIGHT?
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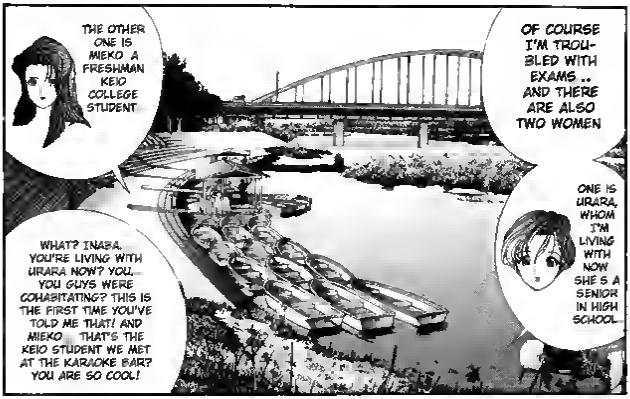
COULD IT BE YOUR HAVING TROUBLE WITH EXAMS, OR...
OI OI! IF YOU STOP NOW... MY CURIOSITY DEMANDS ME TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT!
A WOMAN?
UH? WHAT ...?
FORGET IT... FORGET IT!
AH! NEVER MIND ...
I HAVE SOMETHING ...
... KOJI ...
COULD I ASK A FAVOR !


THE OTHER ONE IS MIEKO A FRESHMAN KEIO COLLEGE STUDENT
OF COURSE I'M TROUBLED WITH EXAMS .. AND THERE ARE ALSO TWO WOMEN
ONE IS URARA, WHOM I'M LIVING WITH NOW SHE'S A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL
WHAT? INABA, YOU'RE LIVING WITH URARA NOW? YOU... YOU GUYS WERE COHABITATING? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE TOLD ME THAT! AND MIEKO... THAT'S THE KEIO STUDENT WE MET AT THE KARAOKE BAR? YOU ARE SO COOL!

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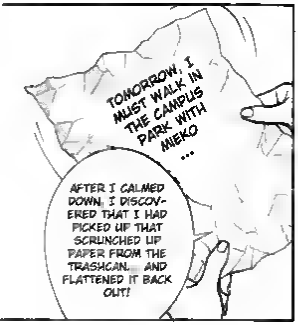
TOMORROW, I MUST WALK IN THE CAMPUS PARK WITH MIEKO ...
AFTER I CALMED DOWN, I DISCOVERED THAT I HAD PICKED UP THAT SCRUNCHED UP PAPER FROM THE TRASHCAN... AND FLATTENED IT BACK OUT!

AND AFTER SHE KISSED ME... MANY FEELINGS WERE CREATED BUT A FEW DAYS AGO, SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND - AND THEN WE BROKE UP!
WHAT, COOL! COMING FROM IDO'S INABA INN TO TOKYO I FALL INSTANTLY IN LOVE WITH MIEKO BUT I FAILED ALL MY ENTRANCE EXAMS
WE DIDN'T DO MUCH SO I THOUGHT I COULD FORGET ABOUT HER, BUT I CAN'T.

OI... YOU JUST CAME TO TOKYO A MONTH AGO, AND YOU'VE ALREADY KISSED TWO WOMEN? ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT THAT STRANGE FOR A NORMAL GUY, CRAM SCHOOL STUDENTS NEVER HAVE THAT MUCH LUCK!
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ON THE OTHER HAND... URARA LET ME TEMPORARILY LIVE AT HER HOUSE. SHE'S MY UNCLE'S DAUGHTER, I FIRST MET HER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
REALLY? THAT... THAT MIEKO, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S LIKE, SHE'S INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE IF SHE KISSED YOU, YOU'LL NEVER FORGET HER!
ALTHOUGH SHE HAS FEELINGS FOR ME, I'VE ALWAYS TREATED HER AS MY LITTLE SISTER, BUT AFTER MIEKO DUMPED ME...
I KISSED URARA!

YOU MEET
YOU ADORE ...
THIS MEANS THAT THE TWO LOVES SPROUTED IN YOUR HEART...
YOU ARE PLAYING THE LOVE GAME!
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WITH MIEKO? WITH URARA? WHO SHOULD I GO WITH? THINK ABOUT IT ..
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LOVE GAME?
THE QUESTION IS, I'M LIVING IN URARA'S HOUSE RIGHT NOW ...
SORRY! LET'S GO FOR A DRINK AFTER THE GAME!
I'M SERIOUS!
YOU, YOUR MAKING FUN OF ME!

FAILURE DISEASE?
OI, YOU BETTER NOT HANG OUT WITH HIM TOO MUCH, YOU MAY GET THE 'FAILURE DISEASE'.
I HEARD FROM THE TEACHERS, HE HAS FAILED THE EXAMS THREE TIMES!
I HEARD THAT ALL PEOPLE WHO HANG OUT WITH HIM FAILED! EVERYONE WHO STUDIES AT CRAM SCHOOL KNOWS ABOUT HIM!
I GUESS THE RUMORS GOT TO YOU TOO SLOWLY!
ALL I WANT TO SAY — IS YOU BETTER KEEP A DISTANCE AWAY FROM HIM!
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YES, I WILL WIN THIS TIME!
THREE TIMES?
THREE ...

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KOJI
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I WANT TO MOVE OUT OF URARA'S HOUSE!
SINCE I HAVEN'T FOUND A PLACE TO MOVE INTO, CAN I STAY AT YOUR PLACE?

GEEZ!
IF YOU DON'T MIND BEING AROUND ME, THEN YOU CAN MOVE IN.
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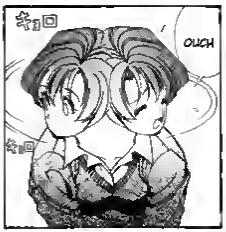

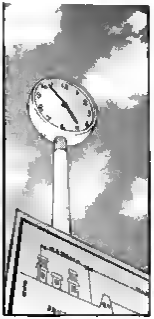

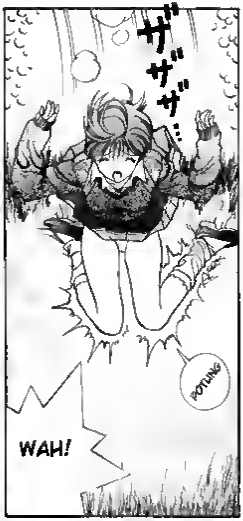

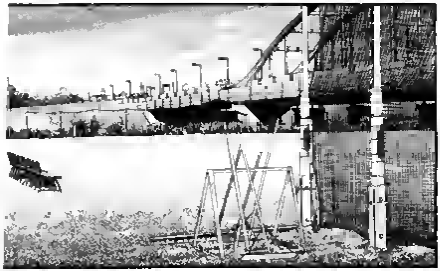

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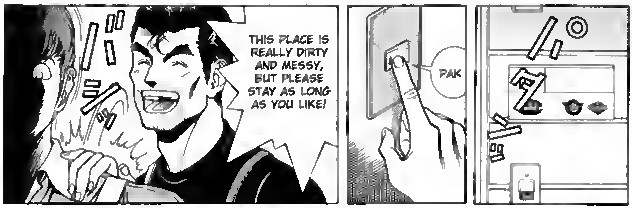
THIS PLACE IS REALLY DIRTY AND MESSY, BUT PLEASE STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!
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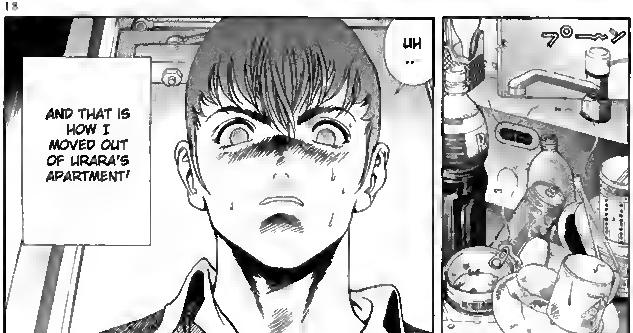
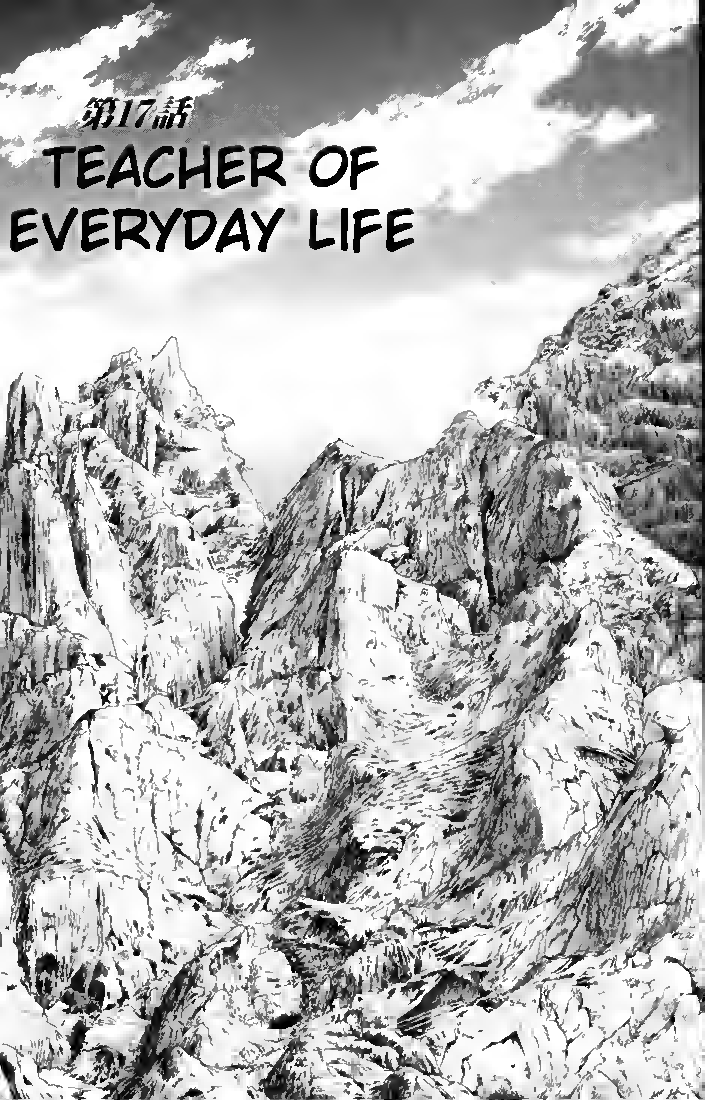

AND THAT IS HOW I MOVED OUT OF URARA'S APARTMENT!
UH ...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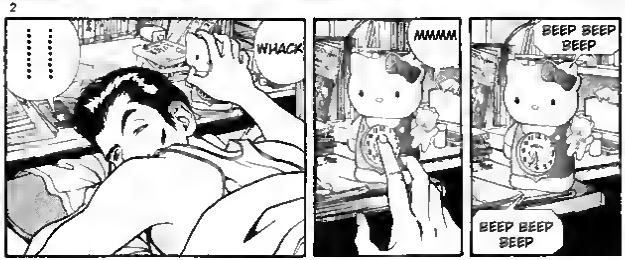

EH? INABA, YOU'RE AWAKE ALREADY...
YOU COULDN'T SLEEP BECAUSE IT'S A NEW PLACE?
NO...
I COULDN'T SLEEP BECAUSE I WAS THINKING OF SOME-THING..

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AH! JUST ONE SOME-THING?
WHICH ONE WHERE YOU THINKING ABOUT, MIEKO OR URARA?
AH! I WAS ALSO THINKING ABOUT THAT ...
BUT I WAS THINKING "WHY DO I...
HAVE TO HIKE UP THAT MOUN-TAIN?"

I MEANT THE EXAM! I MEANT, "WHY AM I GOING TO SCHOOL?" "IF I GOT INTO THAT COLLEGE, WHAT CAN I DO?" ETC.
IT'S A META-PHOR!
WHAT? YOU LIKE TO HIKE?
NO... NO....
AH! OF COURSE I HAVE DREAMS! MY FAMILY RUNS A HOT SPRING INN...
THINKING OF "COLLEGE EXAMS" AS THE FIGURATIVE MOUNTAIN IN FRONT OF US SOMETHING LIKE THAT—?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE?
HAHAHA. . REALLY? IS THAT RIGHT? I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE!
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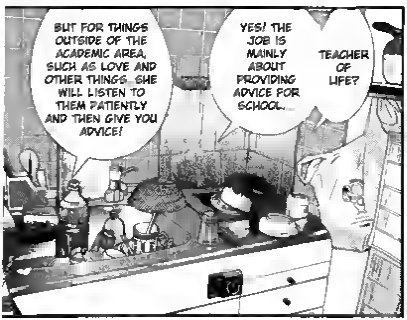
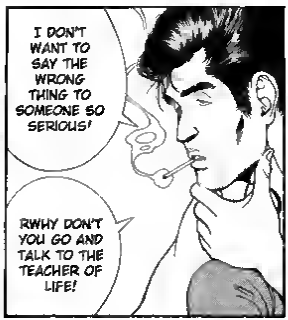
SOME DAY, I WILL TAKE OVER!

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT!
NEVER-MIND...


BUT FOR THINGS OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIC AREA, SUCH AS LOVE AND OTHER THINGS, SHE WILL LISTEN TO THEM PATIENTLY AND THEN GIVE YOU ADVICE!
YES! THE JOB IS MAINLY ABOUT PROVIDING ADVICE FOR SCHOOL...
TEACHER OF LIFE?


I DON'T WANT TO SAY THE WRONG THING TO SOMEONE SO SERIOUS!
RWHY DON'T YOU GO AND TALK TO THE TEACHER OF LIFE!

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SHE'S THE BEAUTIFUL MATH TEACHER, MISS DONNA LING!
GUYS HAVE BEEN KNOW TO ASK FOR HER ADVICE AND FALL FOR HER.
UH! IT SEEMS TO BE TRUE THAT A STUDENT WHO FAILS EXAMS FOR THREE YEARS KNOWS EVERY-THING!

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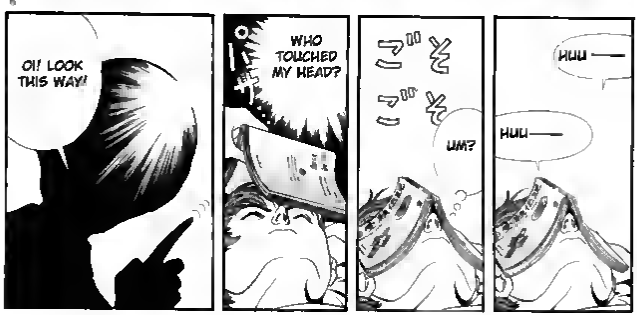

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WAH! THAT HURT MY EYES!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, URARA?
UM? THIS WAY?
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IS IT COMFORTABLE? ♡
HEHEHE ..YOU DON'T KNOW? YOU ARE SLEEPING ON MY LAP... ♡

AH!
UM...
AFTER THE BASEBALL GAME I STAYED AT KOJI'S HOUSE AND DRANK UNTIL MORNING

TOUMA, WHY DIDN'T YOU COME HOME LAST NIGHT?
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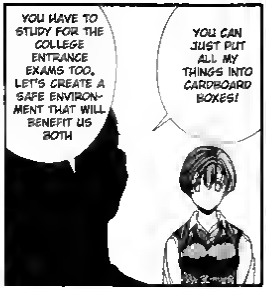
HUH? YOU'RE MOVING OUT?
WHY... WHY?

YOU SAW IT? I'VE BEEN IN TOKYO FOR A MONTH ALREADY; I SHOULD FIND AN APART-MENT...


YOU HAVE TO STUDY FOR THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS TOO. LET'S CREATE A SAFE ENVIRON-MENT THAT WILL BENEFIT US BOTH
YOU CAN JUST PUT ALL MY THINGS INTO CARDBOARD BOXES!

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ERR...
WHY WAS ALL YOUR STUFF CLEARED OFF YOUR DESK THEN...?

I JUST WANT TO REDUCE THE COMPLICATION TO MY STUDIES TO A MINIMUM AND
AND WHAT ...?
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TURNS BACK
ALL RIGHT!
I'LL DEVELOP THE PICTURE INTO A SIZE THIS LARGE
AND POST IT ON THE SCHOOL'S BULLETIN BOARD I WILL LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT WE ARE A COUPLE!
OI!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ...?

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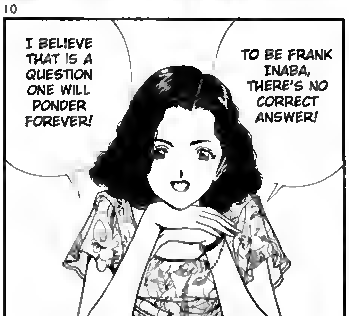
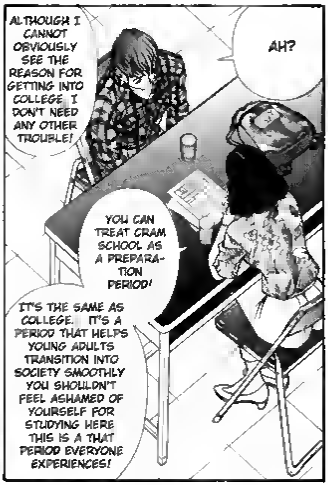

I BELIEVE THAT IS A QUESTION ONE WILL PONDER FOREVER!
TO BE FRANK INABA, THERE'S NO CORRECT ANSWER!

UM... IS IT ABOUT "WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INTO COLLEGE"?

AH! WHY DON'T WE BREAK THIS QUESTION DOWN INTO TERMS EASIER TO DISCUSS?
FIRST, IS IT YOUR DREAM TO GET INTO COLLEGE? IF THAT IS SO, THEN WHY IS IT? IS IT BECAUSE EVERYONE GOES TO COLLEGE? OR YOU WANT TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION? OR TO MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE? IF YOU THINK LIKE THAT, WHY ARE THINGS THAT WAY?


ALTHOUGH I CANNOT OBVIOUSLY SEE THE REASON FOR GETTING INTO COLLEGE, I DON'T NEED ANY OTHER TROUBLE!
AH?
YOU CAN TREAT CRAM SCHOOL AS A PREPARATION PERIOD!
IT'S THE SAME AS COLLEGE. IT'S A PERIOD THAT HELPS YOUNG ADULTS TRANSITION INTO SOCIETY SMOOTHLY. YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL ASHAMED OF YOURSELF FOR STUDYING HERE. THIS IS A THAT PERIOD EVERYONE EXPERIENCES!

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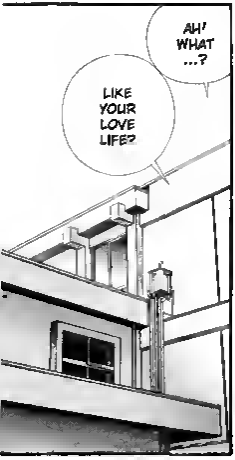
AH! WHAT ...?
LIKE YOUR LOVE LIFE?

AH
THAT'S GREAT! KEEP THAT DREAM IN YOUR HEART. WHAT ABOUT YOUR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY DREAMS?
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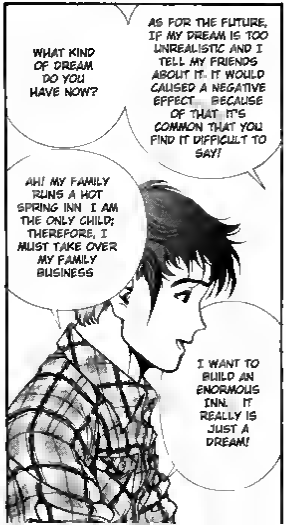
WHAT KIND OF DREAM DO YOU HAVE NOW?
AS FOR THE FUTURE, IF MY DREAM IS TOO UNREALISTIC AND I TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT IT, IT WOULD CAUSED A NEGATIVE EFFECT. BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S COMMON THAT YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SAY!
AH! MY FAMILY RUNS A HOT SPRING INN. I AM THE ONLY CHILD; THEREFORE, I MUST TAKE OVER MY FAMILY BUSINESS
I WANT TO BUILD AN ENORMOUS INN. IT REALLY IS JUST A DREAM!

"AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN YOUR LIFE, YOU CANNOT DO SUCH A THING! IF YOU KEEP WONDERING ABOUT YOUR UNCERTAIN LOVE, YOU WILL END UP WITH NOTHING YOU WILL ALSO BE HURT BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY!
IT'S JUST MY OPINION, ALTHOUGH MY WORDS AREN'T ALWAYS APPRECIATED, I SUGGEST YOU SHOULD STOP IT IMMEDIATELY!

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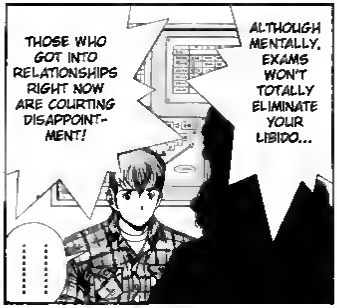
THOSE WHO GOT INTO RELATIONSHIPS RIGHT NOW ARE COURTING DISAPPOINTMENT!
ALTHOUGH MENTALLY, EXAMS WON'T TOTALLY ELIMINATE YOUR LIBIDO...
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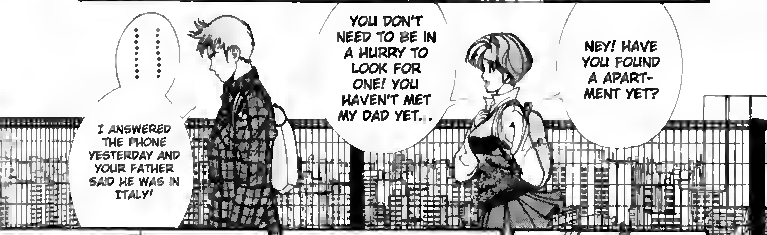
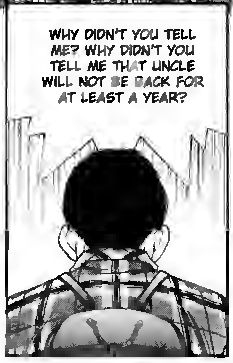
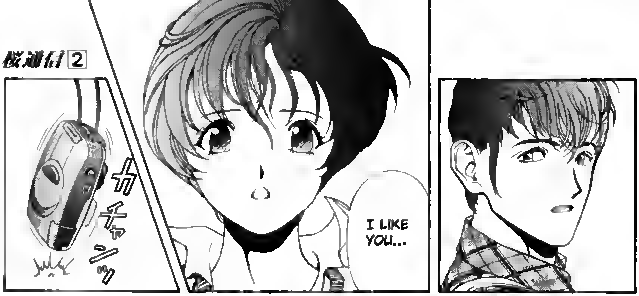

I ANSWERED THE PHONE YESTERDAY AND YOUR FATHER SAID HE WAS IN ITALY!
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE IN A HURRY TO LOOK FOR ONE! YOU HAVEN'T MET MY DAD YET..
HEY! HAVE YOU FOUND A APARTMENT YET?

YOU LIED TO ME FROM THE START!


WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT UNCLE WILL NOT BE BACK FOR AT LEAST A YEAR?

HUH?

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH? OTHERS MIGHT THINK THAT SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON. TWO TWENTY YEARS OLD ALREADY LIVING TOGETHER!
I...
I LIED TO YOU? I NEVER MEANT TO!
I JUST WANT...
I... LIKE YOU, TOUMA!


I LIKE YOU...

I JUST WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU. .
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO BE AWAY FROM YOU!

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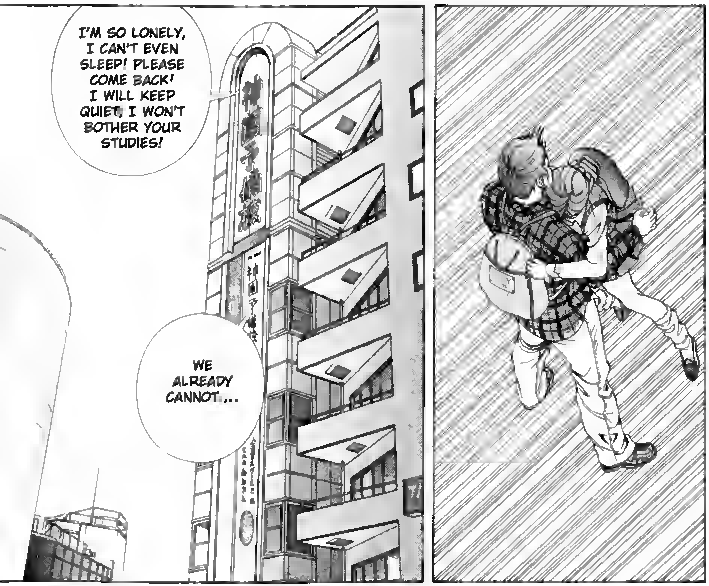
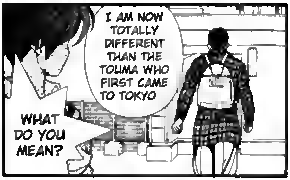

I'M SO LONELY, I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP! PLEASE COME BACK! I WILL KEEP QUIET, I WON'T BOTHER YOUR STUDIES!
WE ALREADY CANNOT....

WHY CAN'T WE BE TOGETHER LIKE BEFORE?
WHY ...

IF WE KEEP LIVING TOGETHER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN! WE CANNOT LIVE TOGETHER ANYMORE
BECAUSE I HAVE STARTED FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU!!
I CAN'T SAY THAT TO HER!

PLEASE DON'T ACT LIKE THIS! I...


I AM NOW TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE TOUMA WHO FIRST CAME TO TOKYO
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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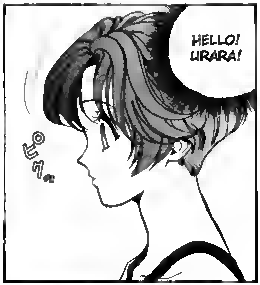
YOU DIDN'T ADD SALT?
HOW COME THERE'S NO TASTE TO THE SOUP?


HELLO! URARA!
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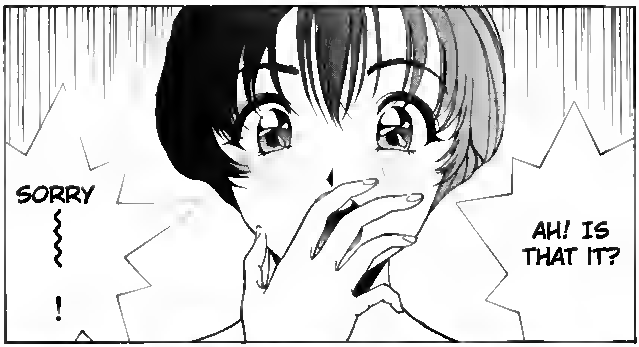
SORRY
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AH! IS THAT IT?

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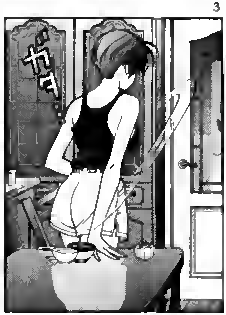
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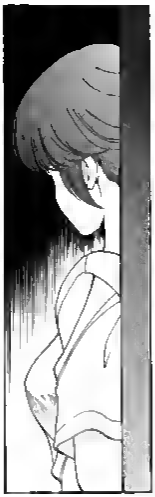

HEY! URARA ....
HURRY AND GET CHANGED! WHERE SHOULD WE GO TODAY? KARAOKE...OR RENT A MOVIE TO WATCH INSTEAD?

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WHAT'S WRONG?
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HOW COME YOU'RE SO OUT OF IT?
HEY!
I FEEL AS IF MY BATTERY HAS RUN OUT AND I CANNOT MOVE
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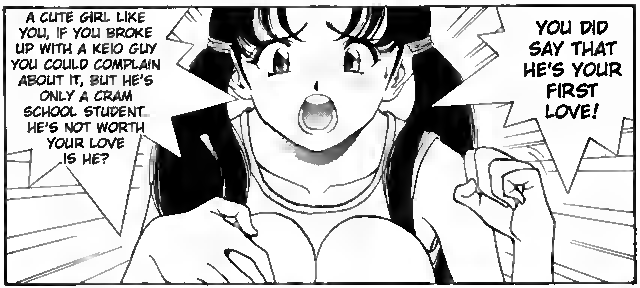
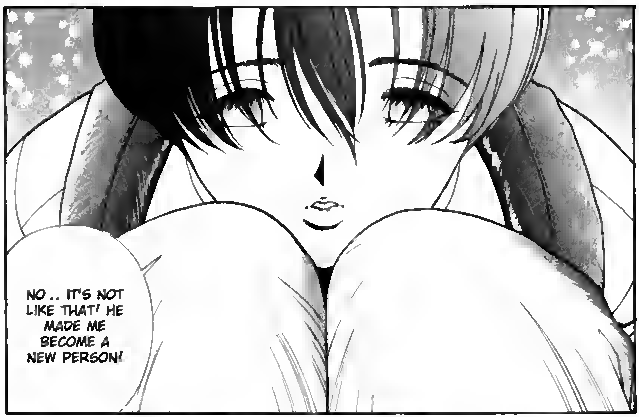
AH? JUST A CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT? THEN WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET ABOUT HIM MOVING OUT?
HE LIVED AT YOUR HOUSE? THAT TOUMA FROM KEIO COLLEGE?
ACTUALLY HE DIDN'T GET INTO ANY UNIVERSITY--HE'S A CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT RIGHT NOW
YOU'RE IN PAIN?
IF IT CAUSES THAT MUCH PAIN, LET ME SHARE SOME OF IT! COME ON!
THE GUY WHO USED TO LIVE AT MY HOUSE. WELL HE SAID HE HAS TO LIVE ALONE, SO HE MOVED OUT!


A CUTE GIRL LIKE YOU, IF YOU BROKE UP WITH A KEIO GUY YOU COULD COMPLAIN ABOUT IT, BUT HE'S ONLY A CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT. HE'S NOT WORTH YOUR LOVE ..IS HE?
YOU DID SAY THAT HE'S YOUR FIRST LOVE!


NO .. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! HE MADE ME BECOME A NEW PERSON!

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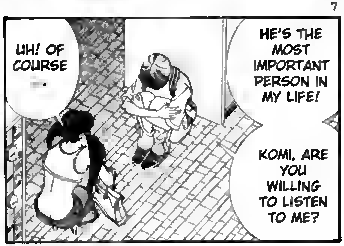
SIX YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS IN GRADE 6 ....


UH! OF COURSE ..
HE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY LIFE!
KOMI, ARE YOU WILLING TO LISTEN TO ME?

ONE DAY WHEN I WENT HOME, I COULDN'T FIND MY MOTHER...
I'M HOME ...
I'M HOME ...
MOM!
HURRY... HURRY AND TAKE A CAB TO THE HOSPITAL!
IT'S BAD NEWS... YOUR MOM ...
SHE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT!
URARA ...

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AT THAT TIME, DAD WAS ON A BUSINESS TRIP.

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AT THAT TIME, I DIDN'T KNOW IF SHE WAS ALIVE OR DEAD, IT JUST LOST ALL MEANING!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS MOM, BUT MY MOM....SHE...

MY RELATIVES DIDN'T WANT ME TO STAY HOME ALL DAY, SO THEY PLANNED A TRIP TO IDO, TO LET ME RUN AROUND.
EVERYWHERE I WENT, PEOPLE SEEMED TO FEEL SORRY FOR ME, BUT IN MY HEART, IT WAS DARK AND I COULDN'T TAKE COMFORT FROM ANY OF THEIR WORDS.
WHEN MY MOM'S MEMORIAL ENDED, MY DAD WENT BACK TO HIS BUSINESS TRIP... I LIVED AT MY AUNT'S HOUSE AND CHANGED SCHOOLS.
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WITHIN MY FAMILY, THERE WAS MY COUSIN IN GRADE 7 ---- TOUMA...
HEY! DO YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?
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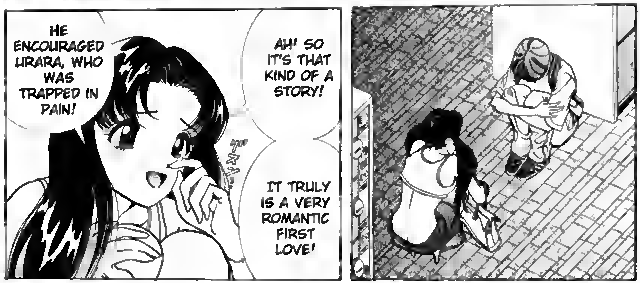
IT'S VERY TASTY! SERIOUSLY!

FLYING PAST MY BODY...
A SLIGHT WARM WIND ...
AT THAT TIME, THERE SEEMS TO BE....
UM? AH, YES! I HAVE A WHITE PEN ....
WHAT THINGS DID YOU BRING THAT CAN BE [illegible] ON?
GOOD! COME WITH ME!
YES! IT'S THE BEST TO BE AT PLACES WHERE IT'S CROWDED!
YES, THIS IS GOOD!

JUST DRAW ANYTHING HERE, BE CREATIVE!
HEHE... IT'S A LITTLE RABBIT! THEN, I AM ...
LISTENING TO HIM, I TOLD MYSELF THAT STARTING TODAY, I WONT BE ALONE!
YOUR LONELINESS ENDS HERE ... I WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE...
PROTECTING YOU, DID YOU HEAR THAT CLEARLY?


HE ENCOURAGED URARA, WHO WAS TRAPPED IN PAIN!
AH! SO IT'S THAT KIND OF A STORY!
IT TRULY IS A VERY ROMANTIC FIRST LOVE!

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HE'S ONLY SAD ABOUT FAILING THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.
I GUESS HE'S NOT AS ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AS BEFORE? DID HE ALREADY FORGET WHAT HAPPENED?

AFTERWARD, I KEPT THINKING ABOUT HIM EVERYDAY,
BUT WE LIVE VERY FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, SO I HAD TO TREAT THIS AS JUST SOMETHING HE DID FROM HIS KIND HEART, AND FORGET ABOUT IT.
IF WE MET AGAIN, IT'LL ONLY BE ME WHO'LL LIKE HIM.
AT FIRST, I WANT TO KEEP THIS DEEP INSIDE MY HEART, BUT... BUT...
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URARA ...
WHEN I SERI-OUSLY WOKE UP FROM IT, KOMI!
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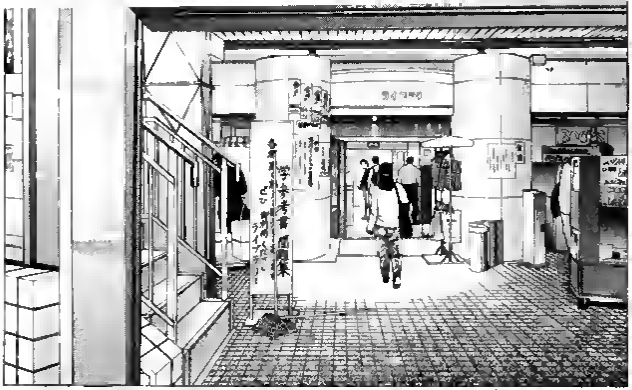
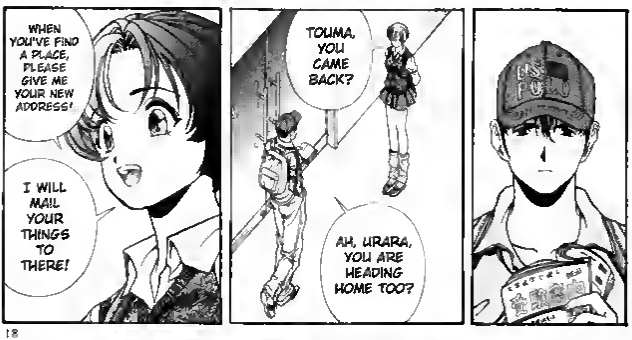
I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM!
BECAUSE OF THOSE THOUGHTS, I'M BACK TO BEING ALONE AGAIN!
I KNOW THAT THERE'S NO CONCLUSION IF IT'S JUST ME LOVING HIM...BUT...



REFERENCE BOOKS EXERCISES, PLEASE USE THEM ALL YOU WANT!


WHEN YOU'VE FIND A PLACE, PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR NEW ADDRESS!
I WILL MAIL YOUR THINGS TO THERE!
TOUMA, YOU CAME BACK?
AH, URARA, YOU ARE HEADING HOME TOO?

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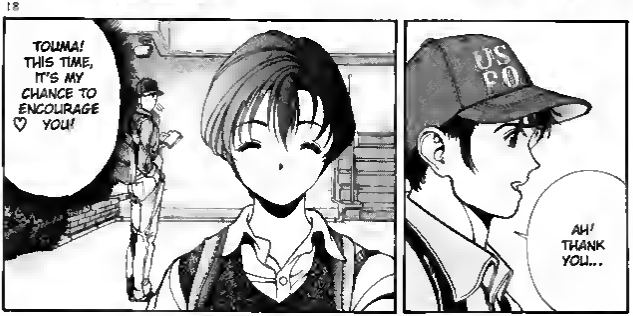

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THE CAPSIZED BOAT

THE ICE SKATING CENTRE

SORRY I'M LATE!

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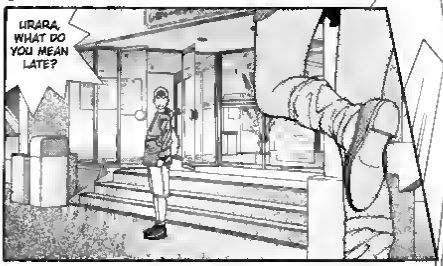

I HEARD THAT URARA'S FATHER HAD SUDDENLY COME BACK FROM ITALY...
AND I SHOULD MEET HIM HERE AT THE ICE SKATING CENTRE?
YOU SAID UNCLE HAD SOMETHING TO TELL ME?
BUT... WHERE'S UNCLE?
OF...OF COURSE!
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I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU REALLY CAME!
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I SHOULD WAIT HERE AND GREET HIM...
AH! WE ARE WAITING FOR HIM INSIDE...?
OK... LET'S GO!

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HAHAHA ...
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BUT.. WHERE'S UNCLE?
WHAT? UNCLE WANTED TO GO ICE SKATING THE DAY AFTER HE CAME BACK?
THIS IS OUR FIRST DATE! OUR LAST DATE AT THE FERRIS WHEEL DIDN'T WORK OUT!
HE COULDN'T GO ICE-SKATING IN ITALY? HAHA...

HEY! IT COULDN'T BE THAT YOU...
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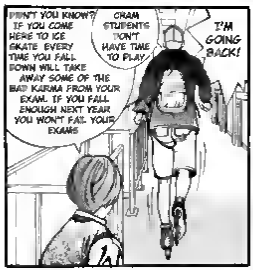
DATE? WHAT DATE? I STAYED AT YOUR HOUSE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKS TO YOUR FATHER!


I'M GOING BACK!
CRAM STUDENTS DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY.
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? IF YOU COME HERE TO ICE SKATE EVERY TIME YOU FAIL DOWN WILL TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE BAD KARMA FROM YOUR EXAM. IF YOU FALL ENOUGH NEXT YEAR YOU WON'T FAIL YOUR EXAMS

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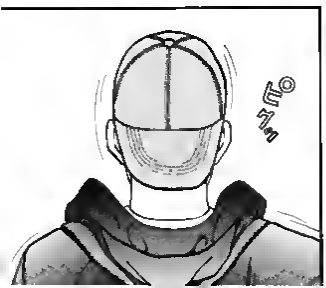
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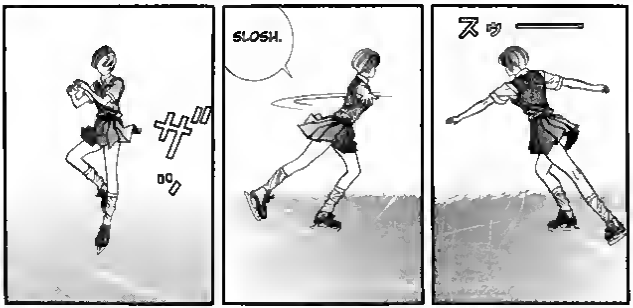

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I FALL DOWN TODAY! BUT JUST IN CASE...
I WORE MY PE SHORTS!
WHO'S THAT GIRL?
SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ICE ANGEL WITH THE CLOTHES SHE'S WEARING!

WHERE'S TOUMA? I HOPE THAT WE'RE ALONE TODAY, AND HE ONLY LOOKS AT ME!

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TOUMA, HAVE YOU EVER ICE SKATED BEFORE?
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AH? NO— NO, I GREW UP IN IDO, SO I'M NOT GOOD AT THESE WINTER SPORTS!
ALMOST!
SORRY— PLEASE MOVE AWAY!
NO
AH!!

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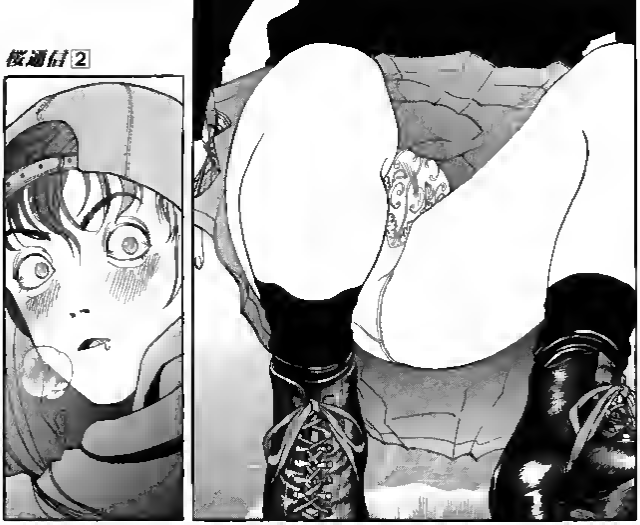
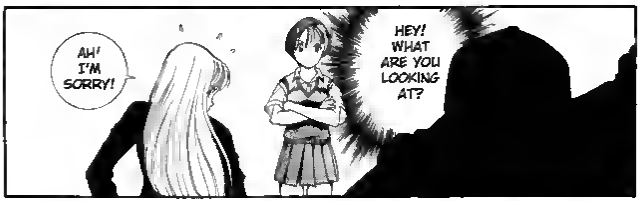
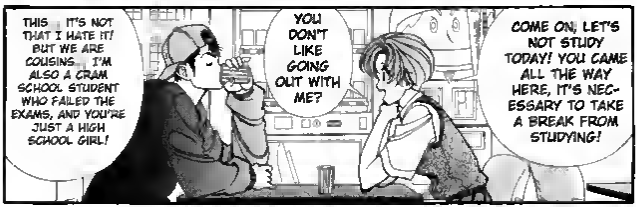



AH! I'M SORRY!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

CONCENTRATE "YOUR SPERMS" ON YOUR STUDIES?
LISTEN I WILL COME SKATING AGAIN BUT I SHOULD GO HOME! I NEED TO CONCENTRATE MY SPERMS ON MY STUDIES!
OK! OK! COMPARE! WITH YOU, I AM HORRIBLE AT THIS!

WASHROOM
DRYER
SNACK SHOP


COME ON, LET'S NOT STUDY TODAY! YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, IT'S NECESSARY TO TAKE A BREAK FROM STUDYING!
YOU DON'T LIKE GOING OUT WITH ME?
THIS ... IT'S NOT THAT I HATE IT! BUT WE ARE COUSINS... I'M ALSO A CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT WHO FAILED THE EXAMS, AND YOU'RE JUST A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL!

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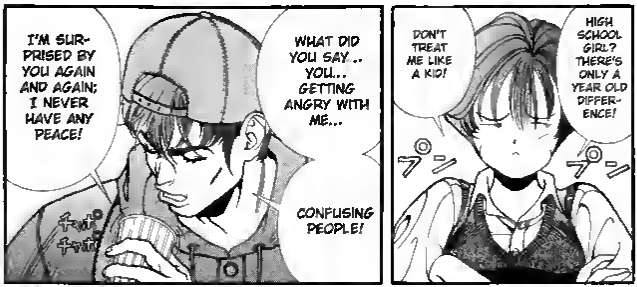
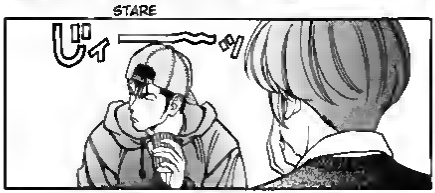

HIGH SCHOOL GIRL? THERE'S ONLY A YEAR OLD DIFFERENCE!
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID!
WHAT DID YOU SAY .. YOU... GETTING ANGRY WITH ME...
I'M SURPRISED BY YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN; I NEVER HAVE ANY PEACE!
CONFUSING PEOPLE!

WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
LAST TIME, IN THE RAIN, RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE FERRIS WHEEL, YOU SAID, "I...."
RIGHT... RIGHT!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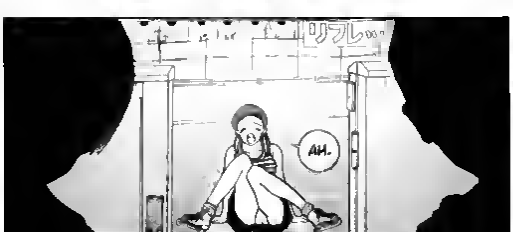
AH.

I... I'M NOT A STRANGE GIRL! I JUST WANT TO SPEND EVERYDAY THINKING OF YOU...
THAT'S RIGHT! TOUMA, DIDN'T YOU KISS ME LAST TIME?

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THIS IS THE ADDRESS, I FINALLY CAN LIVE ON MY OWN IN TOKYO.
HERE...
RIGHT, I FOUND A GOOD APART-MENT...
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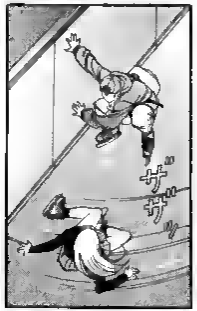
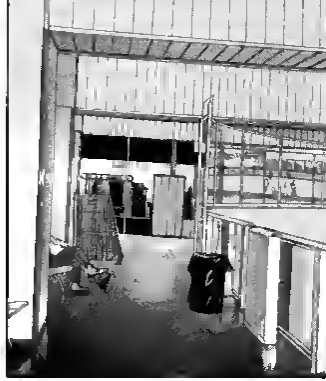
AH! FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID... I KNOW THAT WAS KINDA MEAN!

AH? SHE'S NOT HERE?

TOUMA...
YOU CAN ONLY LOOK AT ME!





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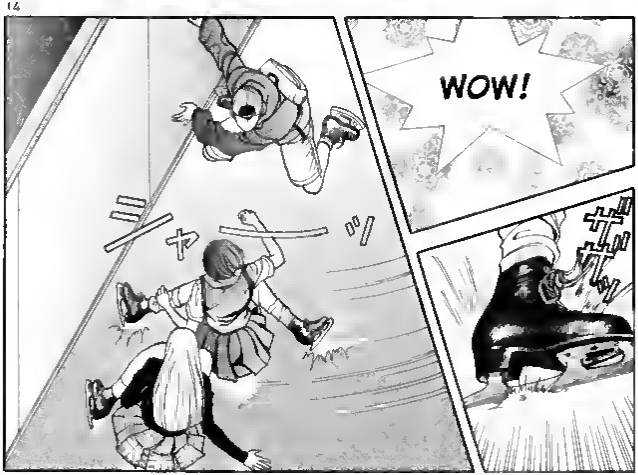

NOTE A CHINESE SAYING THAT-MEANS "I FELL DOWN"

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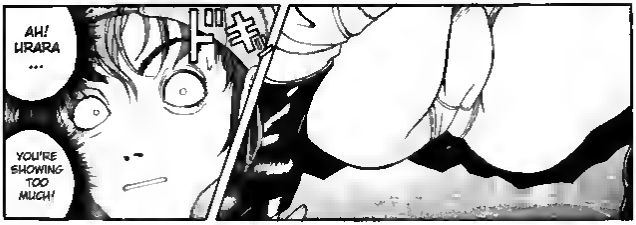

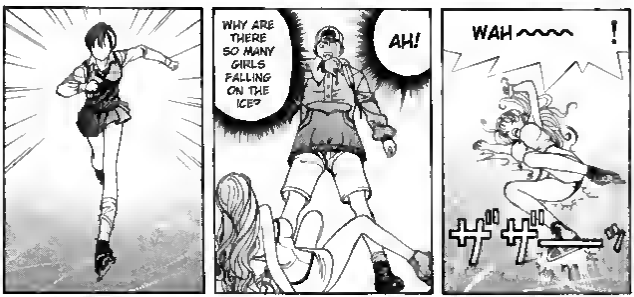

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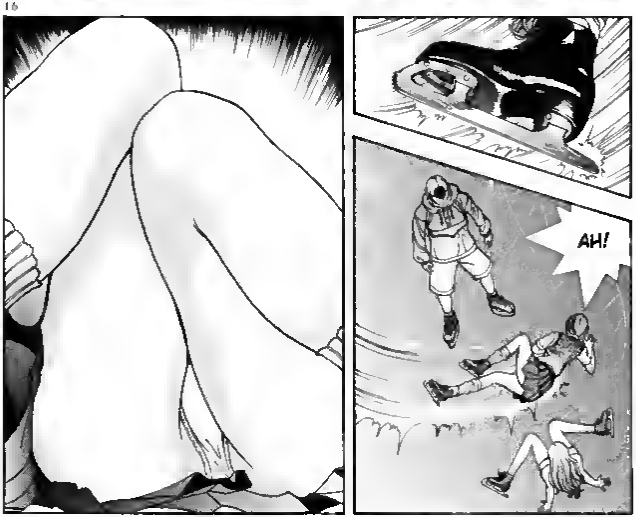

AIYA! WHY DID I FALL AGAIN?

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ARE GOOD AT ICE SKATING, BUT WHY ....

HRARA, YOU...

COULD IT BE THAT URARA SAW ME STARING AT THE OTHER GIRLS. .
IT'S OK, TOUMA, COME...HOLD ON TO MY HANDS!

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THAT RIGHT! HOW COULD I NOT SEE IT... I'M SO SORRY!
AH! DON'T PULL MY HANDS TOO HARD!
AND SHE'S JEALOUS?

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GIVE ME THE MOST WONDERFUL MEMORY

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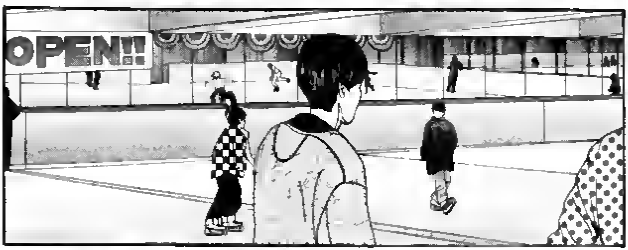
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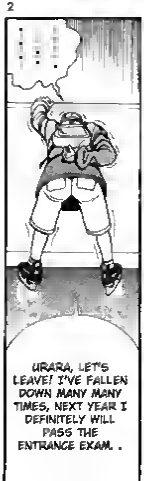
URARA, LET'S LEAVE! I'VE FALLEN DOWN MANY MANY TIMES, NEXT YEAR I DEFINITELY WILL PASS THE ENTRANCE EXAM. .

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I'M GOING TO CHANGE!
I FELL DOWN TOO MANY TIMES TODAY. MY PANTIES ARE ALL WET!
AH! YES! I JUST...
URARA ....

SORRY!
PLEASE MOVE AWAY!
HUH...

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OUCH! WHO IS IT? SO STUPID ....
AH!

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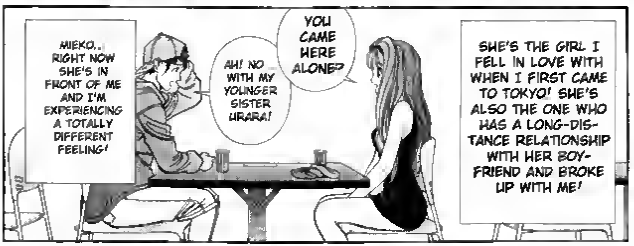
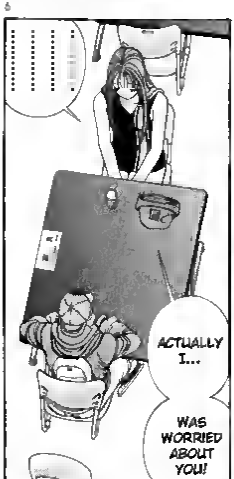
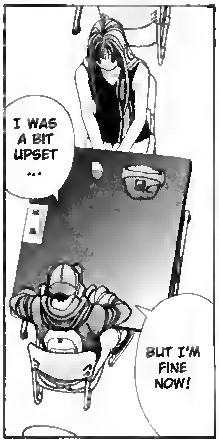
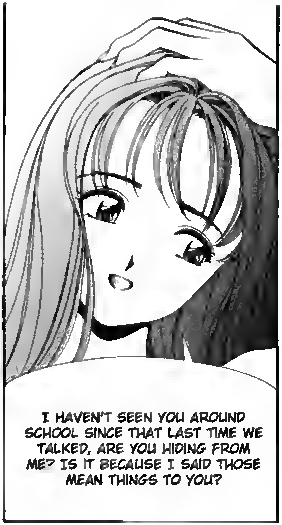

MIEKO.. RIGHT NOW SHE'S IN FRONT OF ME AND I'M EXPERIENCING A TOTALLY DIFFERENT FEELING!
AH! NO WITH MY YOUNGER SISTER URARA!
YOU CAME HERE ALONE?
SHE'S THE GIRL I FELL IN LOVE WITH WHEN I FIRST CAME TO TOKYO! SHE'S ALSO THE ONE WHO HAS A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH HER BOYFRIEND AND BROKE UP WITH ME!

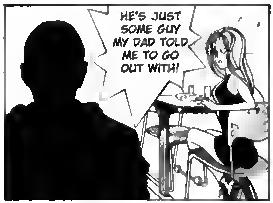

ACTUALLY I...
WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

THIS TIME, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A BREAK.
LAST YEAR, I HEARD THAT IF YOU FALL DOWN A FEW TIMES AT THE ICE SKATING RINK, YOU COULD PASS THE EXAMS. SO I CAME HERE A FEW TIMES


I WAS A BIT UPSET ...
BUT I'M FINE NOW!

UH? HAHA... THAT THING, I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT! HAHA...


I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND SCHOOL SINCE THAT LAST TIME WE TALKED, ARE YOU HIDING FROM ME? IS IT BECAUSE I SAID THOSE MEAN THINGS TO YOU?


HE'S JUST SOME GUY MY DAD TOLD ME TO GO OUT WITH!

WELL THEN, I HAVE TO GO GET MY SISTER, I BETTER GO! YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND MUST GET ALONG WELL....

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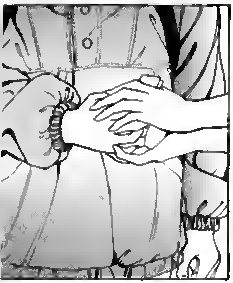
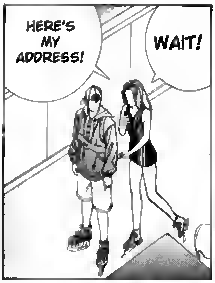
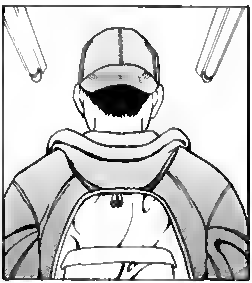



HERE'S MY ADDRESS!
WAIT!



WHEN I PASSED THE KEIO ENTRANCE EXAM, I HUGGED YOU... AT THAT TIME, I KEPT ASKING MYSELF WHAT KIND OF FEELINGS I HAVE FOR YOU ....
EVER SINCE I BROKE UP WITH YOU ON THAT RAINY DAY, THERE'S A SCENE THAT KEEPS APPEARING IN MY HEAD.
I WILL WAIT FOR YOU!
CAN YOU COME BY THIS SUNDAY?
I HAVE TO TELL YOU THE REASON WHY I SAID THOSE THINGS!
PLEASE ...
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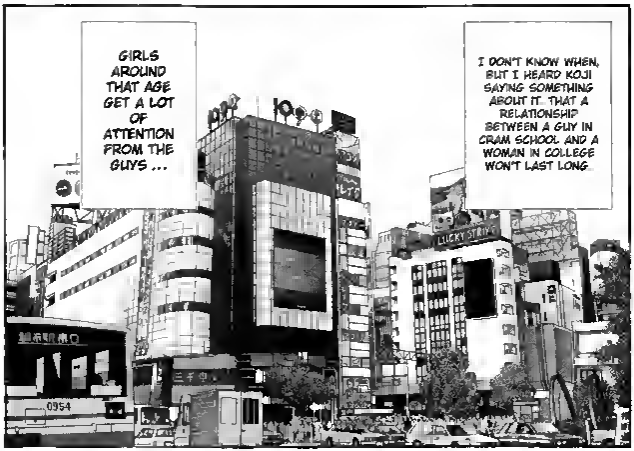
GIRLS AROUND THAT AGE GET A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM THE GUYS ...
I DON'T KNOW WHEN, BUT I HEARD KOJI SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THAT A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A GUY IN CRAM SCHOOL AND A WOMAN IN COLLEGE WON'T LAST LONG.
LUCKY STRIKE
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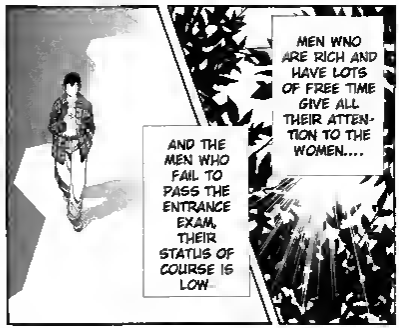
MEN WHO ARE RICH AND HAVE LOTS OF FREE TIME GIVE ALL THEIR ATTENTION TO THE WOMEN....
AND THE MEN WHO FAIL TO PASS THE ENTRANCE EXAM, THEIR STATUS OF COURSE IS LOW.

NOTE FLOWER IN THE WATER IS UNTOUCHABLE

ALTHOUGH WE ARE FATED TO NOT BE TOGETHER, I HOPE THIS WILL BE A WONDERFUL MEMORY FOR ME!
TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF A PERSON YOU ARE AND WHAT KIND OF PLACE YOU LIVE .

WELCOME! MISS MIEKO HAS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
WHO IS IT?
AH! MY NAME IS TOUMA INABA...
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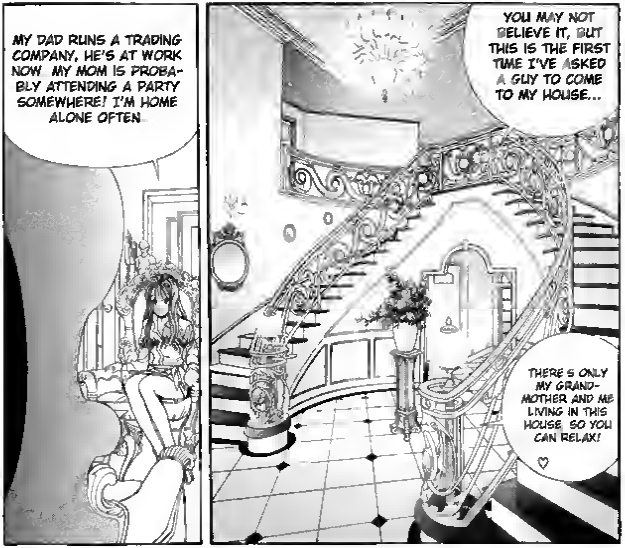
WOW! YOU REALLY DID COME! THAT'S GREAT!


MY DAD RUNS A TRADING COMPANY, HE'S AT WORK NOW. MY MOM IS PROBABLY ATTENDING A PARTY SOMEWHERE! I'M HOME ALONE OFTEN.
YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE ASKED A GUY TO COME TO MY HOUSE...
THERE'S ONLY MY GRANDMOTHER AND ME LIVING IN THIS HOUSE, SO YOU CAN RELAX! ♡

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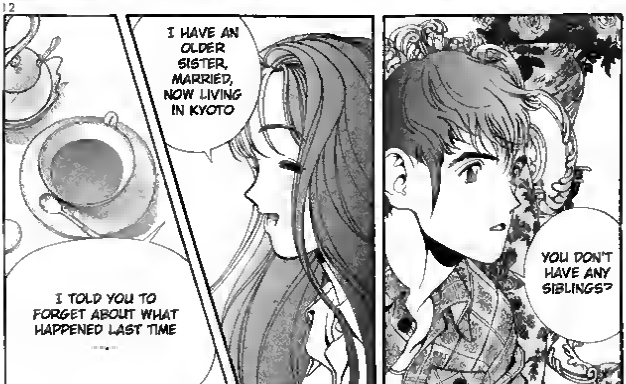
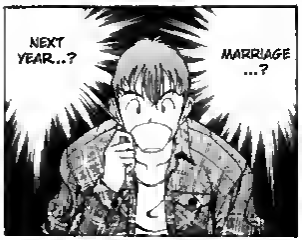
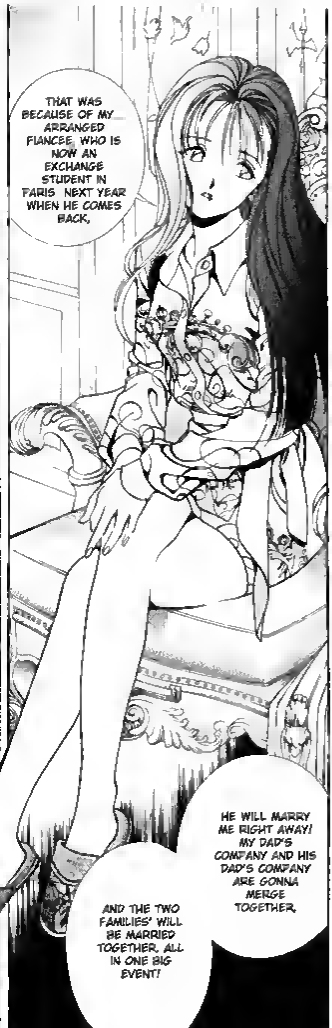

I HAVE AN OLDER SISTER, MARRIED, NOW LIVING IN KYOTO
I TOLD YOU TO FORGET ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS?


NEXT YEAR..?
MARRIAGE ...?

TO PREVENT ANY CHANGES BEFORE THE MARRIAGE..
MY PARENTS ARE WATCHING ME,
IF THEY KNEW ABOUT OUR KISSING OR THE OTHER THINGS, YOU'D BE MADE TO PAY FOR SURE!


THAT WAS BECAUSE OF MY ARRANGED FIANCEE, WHO IS NOW AN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN PARIS. NEXT YEAR WHEN HE COMES BACK,
HE WILL MARRY ME RIGHT AWAY! MY DAD'S COMPANY AND HIS DAD'S COMPANY ARE GONNA MERGE TOGETHER.
AND THE TWO FAMILIES' WILL BE MARRIED TOGETHER. ALL IN ONE BIG EVENT!

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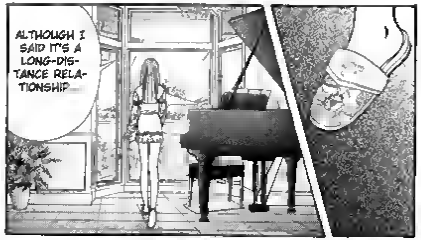
ALTHOUGH I SAID IT'S A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP...

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER I LIKE HIM... I'M JUST FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURE!
ACTUALLY I'M LIKE A BEAUTIFUL MODEL IN THE WINDOW DISPLAY, ALL DRESSED UP WAITING FOR SOMEONE

I'M SORRY TO COMPLICATE THINGS LIKE THIS!
BUT THAT'S THE SITUATION I'M IN

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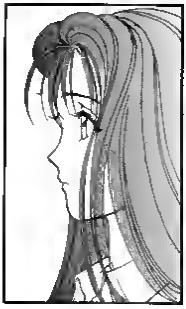
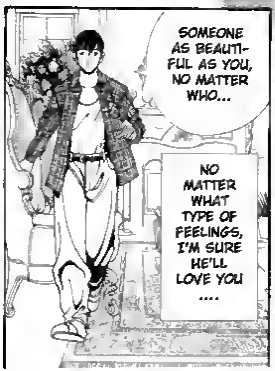
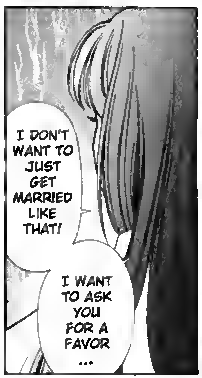



SOMEONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU, NO MATTER WHO...
NO MATTER WHAT TYPE OF FEELINGS, I'M SURE HE'LL LOVE YOU ....

ALTHOUGH I WANT THE FREEDOM TO LOVE, I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE...
TO LIVE FOR THE COMMON ROMANCE .. I CAN'T POSSIBLY DO THAT!
THAT'S WHY I CAN ONLY THINK OF LOVING HIM!


I DON'T WANT TO JUST GET MARRIED LIKE THAT!
I WANT TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR ...

I HAD A TOTALLY DIFFERENT FEELING FROM WHEN I KISSED HIM!
BUT WHEN I KISSED YOU...
I WANT TO KNOW WHY...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT FEELING WAS.

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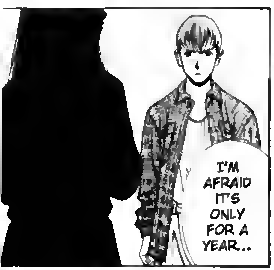
I'M AFRAID IT'S ONLY FOR A YEAR...

SO THAT EVEN WHEN I'M MARRIED, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FORGET THAT WONDERFUL MEMORY!
I WANT TO CREATE A MEMORY WITH YOU!
CAN YOU GIVE ME A WONDERFUL MEMORY ?

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT LOVE CAN BE BOUGHT...?
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I...
THINK IT CAN
LOVE CAN BE BOUGHT!
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ALTHOUGH YOU SAY THAT LOVE CAN BE BOUGHT, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
WHY?
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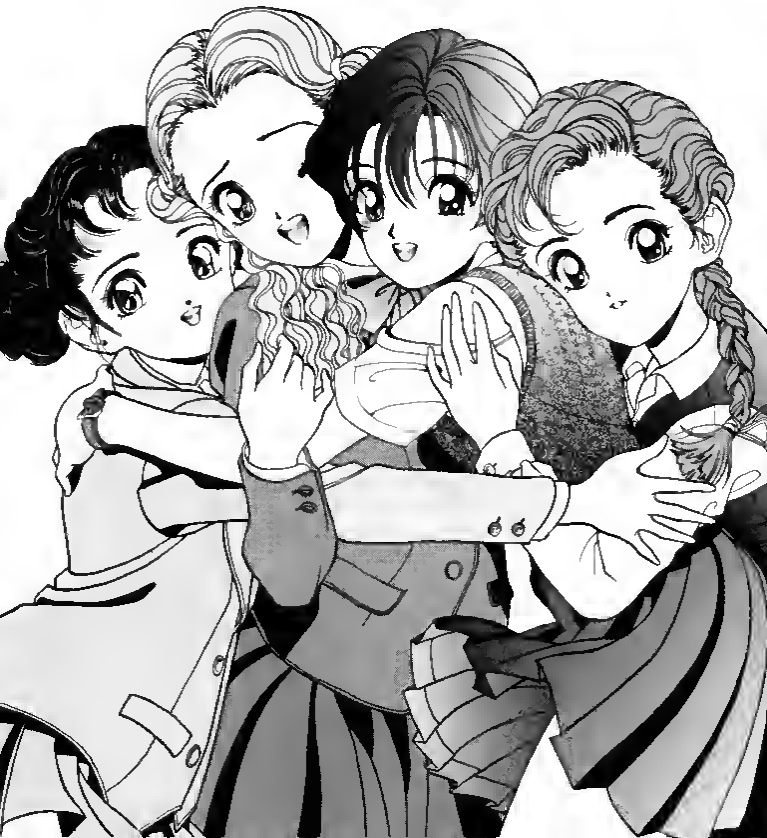
SWAYING THOUGHTS



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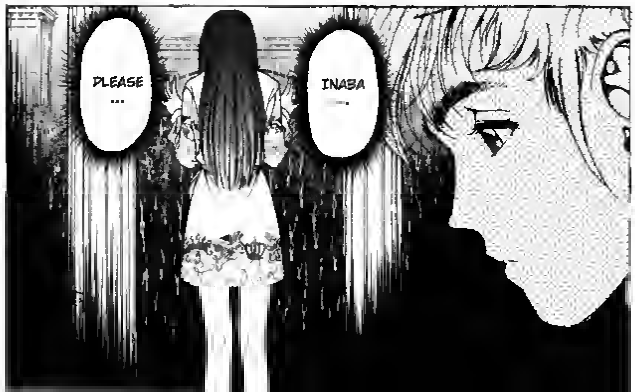
ACCORDING TO CRAM STUDENTS WHO HAVE TO STUDY FOR EXAMS, THIS IS THE SEASON THEY HATE MOST!
TOO SUNNY, IT HURTS THE EYES

INABA, SUMMER IS THE DEVIL TO CRAM STUDENTS! STUDYING DURING THIS KIND OF SEASON MAKE PEOPLE FEEL ANNOYED!
YOU GOT USED TO THE SCHEDULE AT CRAM SCHOOL SO YOU ARE A BIT MORE RELAXED AND COMFORTABLE WITH IT, THEN THE HIGH TEMPERATURE SAPS YOUR ENERGY...
YOU MUST CONCENTRATE ON YOUR STUDIES! DON'T THINK ABOUT THOSE OTHER ISSUES!
HAVE A BIG DREAM AND A SMALL GOAL!


PLEASE ...
INABA —

SO THAT EVEN WHEN I'M MARRIED, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FORGET THAT WONDERFUL MEMORY!
CAN YOU GIVE ME A WONDERFUL MEMORY?
I WANT TO CREATE THAT MEMORY WITH YOU!

HEY!
MIEKO ...
I THOUGHT YOU HATED ME! BUT THAT REALLY WAS A SHOCK!
AH!

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OI! KOJI...
YOUR BRAIN HASN'T MELTED HAS IT?
OI! ARE YOU OK?

CAN A CRAM SCHOOL STUDENT ...
CREATE A WONDERFUL MEMORY?
WHAT ..?

YOU'VE BEEN STARING... ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A GUY?
URARA, FOR QUITE AWHILE NOW...
AH! YES?
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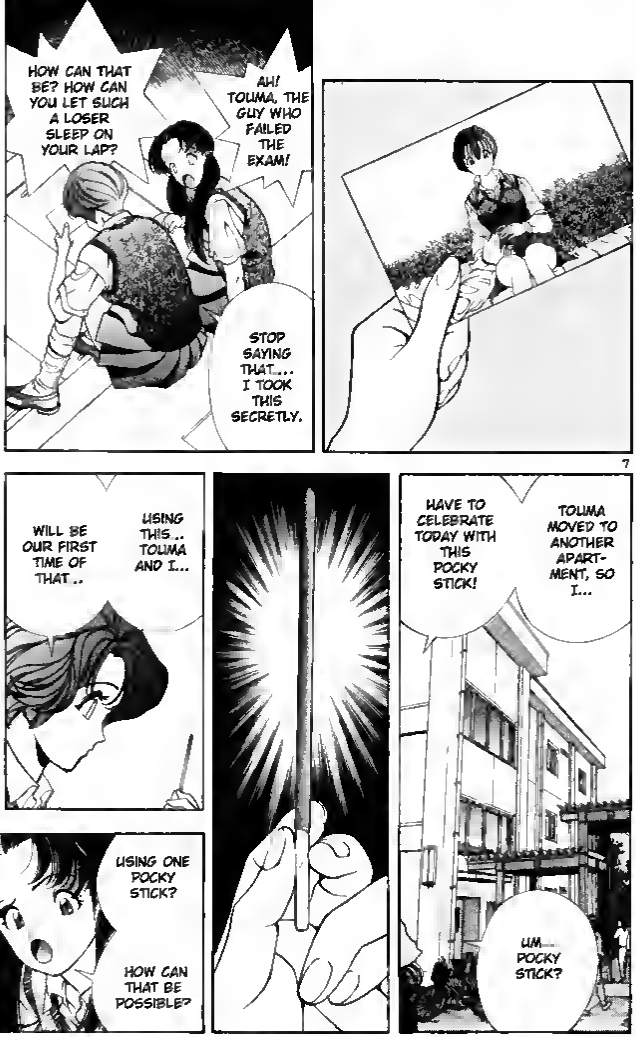
HOW CAN THAT BE? HOW CAN YOU LET SUCH A LOSER SLEEP ON YOUR LAP?
AH! TOUMA, THE GUY WHO FAILED THE EXAM!
STOP SAYING THAT.... I TOOK THIS SECRETLY.
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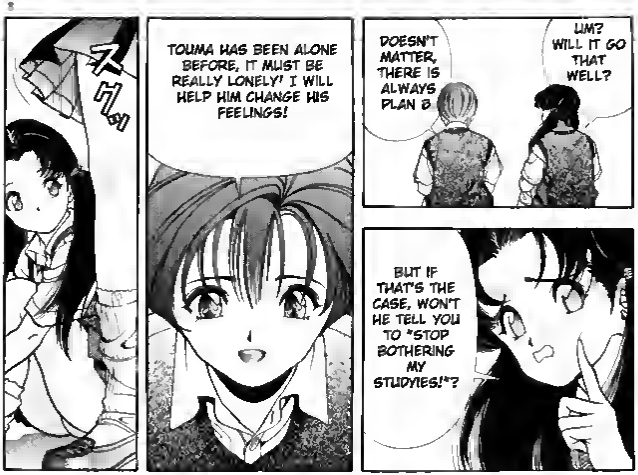
WILL BE OUR FIRST TIME OF THAT..
USING THIS.. TOUMA AND I...
HAVE TO CELEBRATE TODAY WITH THIS POCKY STICK!
TOUMA MOVED TO ANOTHER APART-MENT, SO I...
USING ONE POCKY STICK?
HOW CAN THAT BE POSSIBLE?
UM.... POCKY STICK?

"WHAT SHOULD WE DO, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO EAT THIS STICK TOGETHER!" THEN, WITH THIS JOKING AND AT THE SAME TIME EATING IT, WE WILL END UP KISSING! THEN, THE PERVERTED TOUMA WILL PUT ME DOWN ON THE FLOOR!
THIS... I WILL TELL HIM "TOUMA, I BROUGHT SOME SNACKS, LET'S EAT THEM TOGETHER!" HE WILL SAY "SURE!" AND THEN, I SAY "AIYA, THERE'S ONLY ONE STICK LEFT!"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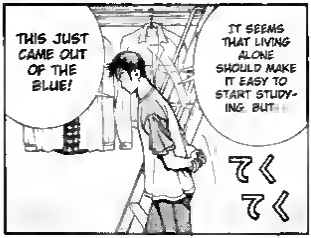
TOUMA HAS BEEN ALONE BEFORE, IT MUST BE REALLY LONELY! I WILL HELP HIM CHANGE HIS FEELINGS!
DOESN'T MATTER, THERE IS ALWAYS PLAN B
UM? WILL IT GO THAT WELL?
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, WON'T HE TELL YOU TO "STOP BOTHERING MY STUDYIES!"?

USING THIS ONE POCKY STICK...
TO COMPLETE MY PLAN!


THIS JUST CAME OUT OF THE BLUE!
IT SEEMS THAT LIVING ALONE SHOULD MAKE IT EASY TO START STUDYING. BUT...
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SUMMER IS THE DEVIL TO CRAM STUDENTS... THE DEVIL...
UH!

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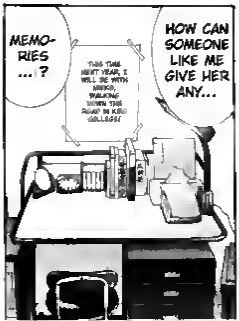
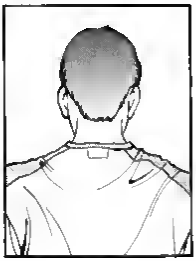
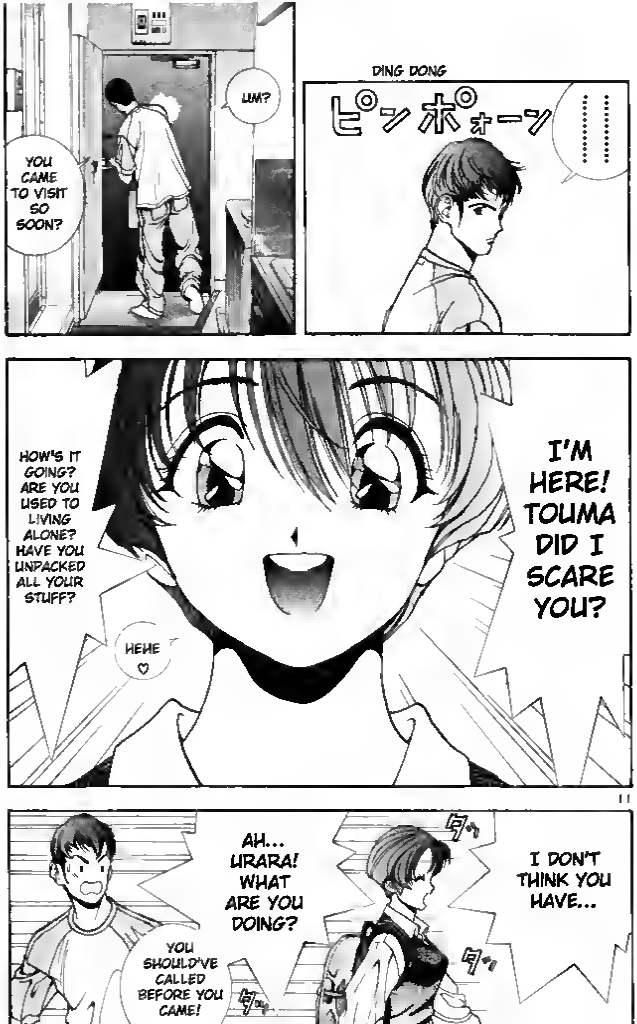

MEMORIES...?
THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, I WILL BE WITH HIROKI, WALKING DOWN THE AISLE IN KEIO GIJUKU!!
HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE ME GIVE HER ANY...




YOU CAME TO VISIT SO SOON?
UM?
DING DONG
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HOW'S IT GOING? ARE YOU USED TO LIVING ALONE? HAVE YOU UNPACKED ALL YOUR STUFF?
HEHE ♡
I'M HERE! TOUMA DID I SCARE YOU?
11
YOU SHOULD'VE CALLED BEFORE YOU CAME!
AH... URARA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE...

COUGH COUGH COUGH COUGH
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WHY IS SHE HERE?
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO START STUDY-ING!

I WANT TO GIVE YOU A SUR-PRISE!
AH? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, YOU'VE CLEANED UP ALREADY.

AH? SNACKS ...?

HEY, I HAVE POCKY STICKS ....
LET'S EAT THEM TOGETHER !

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WOW!

I HAVE PLENTY OF SNACKS ON THE TABLE!
Pocky
Pocky

PLAN B
...
SNAP
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REALLY? I TURNED ON THE AIR-CONDITIONER, I FEEL QUITE COOL!
AHHH
IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES YOUR HOUSE SEEM REALLY HOT ALL OF THE SUDDEN?
WHEW
UM? AIR CONDI-TIONER?
REALLY. . REALLY...
HEY... URARA ...
I HEARD THAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO RAIN THIS AFTERNOON; SO MAYBE YOU BETTER GO BACK HOME EARLY!

I'M ALL SWEATY. I'M GOING TO USE YOUR BATHROOM FOR A MOMENT!
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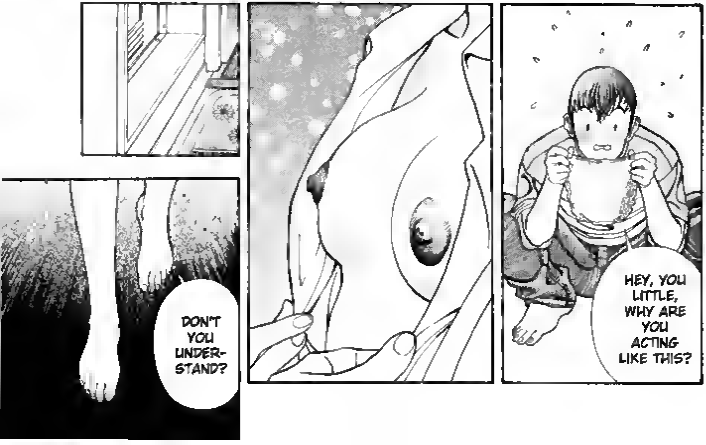
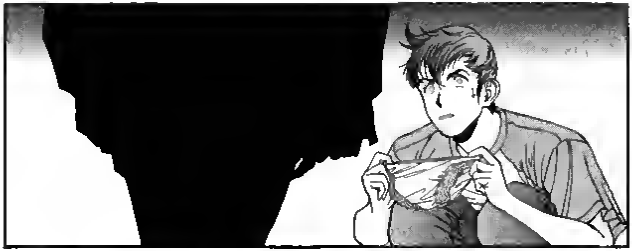
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING?


DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
HEY, YOU LITTLE, WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS?

I WANT TO REMEMBER THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES I MAKE WITH YOU!
LET EVERY-THING...



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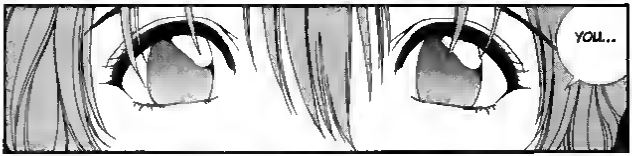
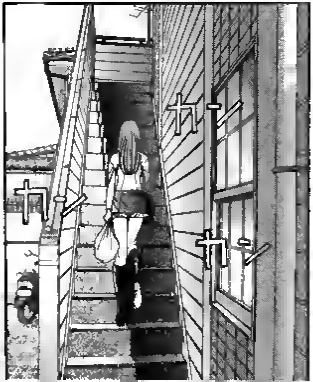

YOU...

DING DONG
I'M BACK!



AH! YOUR YOUNGER SISTER IS HERE?
MI! LET ME GO!
PUSH PUSH

UM?

ROMANCE... AND THE EXAM...
SUMMER HAS COME, AND IN MY HEART, THE EMOTIONS ARE BOILING OVER ....

SORRY, INABA!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BUYING STUFF FOR A GUY,
SO I MIGHT HAVE BOUGHT TO MUCH STUFF.

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